

INOVA VISITATION GUIDELINES

Effective as of July 19, 2021

ALL VISITORS

- Must be free of COVID-19 symptoms.
- Must be age 16 or over.
- In keeping with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) current guidance, **regardless of vaccination status, everyone** in a healthcare facility **must wear a mask covering their mouth and nose the entire time they are in the facility.**
 - If you fail to wear a mask properly, you will be asked to leave.
 - The following face coverings **cannot be worn at any Inova location:**
 - Gaiter style masks
 - Bandanas
 - Vented masks
- No visitors are allowed for patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, **except** in end-of-life situations.

HOSPITAL INPATIENTS

- Visitation hours 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. daily.
 - Exceptions for end-of-life situations, active labor patients and clergy.
- Adult patients may have two visitors in addition to a Designated Support Person (DSP)*.
- Pediatric patients may have two parents/guardians at bedside 24/7.
 - Non-ICU pediatric patients may have two additional visitors, but only during visitation hours.
 - Additional visitors for PICU and NICU patients will be determined on a case-by-case basis.
 - Pediatric outpatients may have parents/guardians only.

HOSPITAL OUTPATIENTS / EMERGENCY ROOM (ER)

- Adult outpatients may have one visitor in addition to their Designated Support Person (DSP)*.
- Pediatric outpatients may have parents/guardians only.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- Virtual visitation remains available for all inpatients.
- Adolescent visitation is from 6 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. for one parent or authorized representative.

**See definition on back.*

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DESIGNATED SUPPORT PERSON (DSP) DEFINED

If a patient has a **documented diagnosis of a pre-existing disability requiring ongoing support in the community**, he or she may request continued support and assistance from their **Designated Support Person (DSP)**. The DSP must be over the age of 18 and be knowledgeable about the patient's specific needs related to the disability. A DSP may be allowed to stay with the patient in designated areas 24/7, and is requested to enter/leave the building between the hours of 6 a.m. – 11 p.m. Up to two persons may share DSP duties; however only one person is allowed per day.

A person with a pre-existing disability who utilizes ongoing support from an individual in the community may bring a DSP to all Inova locations and treatment centers.