

Restrictions on Number of Visitors per Patient

As of November 8, 2021, MUSC Health modified its visitation restrictions. Exceptions, listed below, may be made in cases where supportive care persons are necessary or at the end of life.

MUSC Health's primary goal is the safety of patients, families, and care team members. Care team leaders continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and create new ways to best take care of patients. In addition to direction from the state of South Carolina, MUSC Health closely follows [CDC guidelines](#), and is learning in real-time from the experience of other hospitals and state systems around the country as we deal with this virus.

In addition to the screening and hand hygiene protocols currently in place, the visitation policy is:

Adult admitted in-patients who are COVID-19 negative or COVID-19 recovered (previously positive but have met criteria for ending isolation):

- Two supportive care persons/visitors will be allowed at the bedside at all times.
- Supportive care persons are no longer required to be designated. There are no restrictions on the total quantity of people who may visit, as long as no more than one person is at the bedside at a time. However, two parents or guardians may visit simultaneously, regardless of patient age.
- At all locations, patients, support care people and visitors will be required to wear a mask that meets MUSC's standards of protection and isolation.
- Should a patient or visitor elect to wear their own mask, it must have two layers of material, fully cover the mouth and nose and fit around the sides of the face. Bandanas with open bottoms, neck-gaiter style face coverings and masks with mesh, holes, or ventilation ports are not considered appropriate.
- Should a patient or visitor be determined to be wearing a mask that does not meet MUSC's standards, they will be asked to replace it with one provided by the organization.
- Admitted patients are not required to wear a mask while in their room.
- Supportive care persons and visitors should wear a mask while in the patient's room except when sleeping.
- All care team members are required to wear MUSC-provided masks in all indoor settings. In outdoor settings, masks are required for those without COVID-19 immunity (meaning neither fully vaccinated nor documented personal history of COVID-19 infection) and optional for those with COVID-19 immunity.
- COVID-19 positive patients who are expected to die during their current admission may follow modified end of life visitation protocols. For these individuals, more than one visitor may be permitted at a time but will not be able to stay overnight. Visitors must wear PPE and face masks will be substituted for an N95 respirator. These visitors will not utilize common areas of the hospital.
- COVID-19 negative patients who are expected to die during their current admission may have more than one visitor at a time. Standard mask protocol applies.

