# **UPDATED VISITOR POLICY**

# Important Notice For All Visitors

The situation surrounding COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) continues to evolve. The health and safety of our patients, their families, and our staff remains our top priority. As a result, St. Joseph's Health is restricting visitation across all of its hospitals, nursing and rehabilitation facilities.

These restrictions take effect on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

### PLEASE CHECK WITH US OFTEN AS THIS POLICY MAY BE UPDATED AS EVENTS WARRANT.

### **NEW VISITOR POLICY RESTRICTIONS ARE:**

- St. Joseph's University Medical Center, Paterson: No visitors
- St. Joseph's Wayne Medical Center, Wayne: No visitors
- St. Joseph's Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Cedar Grove: No visitors

## VISITATION EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS, INCLUDING:

- Hospice
- St. Joseph's Children's Hospital Pediatrics
- Ambulatory Care/Same Day Surgery (one visitor)
- Maternity/Labor and Delivery (one visitor)
- Emergency Departments (one visitor)

Potential visitors will be screened at the hospital entrances. Once a visitor is approved, they will undergo a temperature screening. They will need to provide their contact information in the event that tracing becomes necessary. Any visitor with an elevated temperature and/or respiratory symptoms will not be allowed to visit. Phone and video calls to patients are welcome and encouraged.

We take these proactive precautions to protect our patients, staff, and the communities we serve. We are sensitive to the separation this restriction causes our patients and their loved ones, but we believe this measure of protection is essential at this time.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation.



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