

Visitor Policy

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No Visitation Policy at St. Luke's Hospitals Reinstated

With the health and safety of patients, staff, and the community in mind during the latest COVID-19 surge, St. Luke's University Health Network is reinstating a "No Visitation Policy" at its 12 hospitals.*

The policy will take effect Thursday, November 19, and will be re-evaluated monthly.

In our hospitals and inpatient facilities, no visitors are permitted except under these special circumstances:

Visitation of a patient nearing the end of life

Parent visitation of a child in a pediatric ICU or neonatal ICU

One coach or partner per patient in the labor and delivery unit

One visitor at a time for patients in the inpatient hospice unit

One parent/Guardian at a time for pediatric patients

One visitor to accompany patients for hospital discharge

One visitor for patients undergoing same-day surgeries and procedures

One visitor per patient in the Emergency Department

Visitors allowed by exception must be in good health and will be subject to a health screening.

No child under age 12 is permitted to visit in the hospital. (In New Jersey, no child under age 18 is permitted.)

Patients who are not critically ill will be provided an iPad to stay connected with loved ones virtually.

St. Luke's understands these revisions in visitation policies might present difficulties for some patients, family members, and friends, and we are sympathetic to those concerns. At the same time, we must be responsible to the communities we serve and do what's best to protect everyone. We urge those who might be impacted to please cooperate with our physicians, nurses, and staff as they help our organizations fight COVID-19.

A united effort following this common policy will allow us to return to the more normal lifestyle and activities we are all accustomed to as quickly as possible.

Visit <https://www.slhn.org/covid-19> for additional details and updates.