JOHNS HOPKINS BAYVIEW APPROVED VISITOR/ CARE PARTNER GUIDELINES FOR INPATIENTS

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center welcomes approved visitors/care partners (AV/CP) to provide support for their loved ones, on a restricted basis and on designated pilot units in private rooms only. No care partners are permitted to visit patients in semi-private rooms unless an exception has been granted through the visitor exception process.

A care partner may be a relative, partner, friend or anyone patients choose to have at their side during care. Approved visitors/care partners must be 18 or older, except those under 18 who are parents of patients. Restriction guidelines for approved visitors/care partners adjust according to COVID-19 risk level in the community: red (the most restrictive), yellow (a medium risk level) and green (the least restrictive). We are currently in the yellow risk level.

Approved visitors/care partners should be identified at admission. Patients are encouraged NOT to change their designated AV/CP during their hospitalization. If the AV/CP can no longer fulfill their role, the patient may select another AV/CP for the remainder of their stay.

PHASED-IN APPROACH
• Adult COVID+ and PUI visitation remains closed regardless of red, yellow, or green status; existing exception process is still in place.
• Visitation will be extended to patients on the pilots units and in private rooms only, when clinically appropriate and aligned with the patient’s wishes.
• “Clinically appropriate” deemed at the discretion of the clinical team (e.g., not immunocompromised, no aerosol generating procedures).
• Pilot units include Neuro, Med B, Wenz Unit, 6Surg and Maternal Child Health.
• We will continue to review and amend our new visitation processes as needed.

APPROVED VISITORS/CARE PARTNERS
• Arrive between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., and use the blue awning entrance at the Bayview Medical Offices.
• At the discretion of the clinical team, an approved visitor/care partner may stay for the duration of the day, but once they leave the Medical Center, they are not allowed to reenter until after 8 a.m. the next day.
• Must stay in the patient’s room unless they are asked by the care team to step away. Care partners will be directed by the clinical team where to go if asked to leave the room.
• If approved visitors/care partners are permitted to rotate, the AV/CP partner must arrive the day after the current AV/CP exits the hospital (AV/CPs for patients at the end of life may change on the same day).
• Overnight stays must be approved by the clinical team, and only permitted on a limited basis and in private rooms only.
• Must be screened daily for COVID-19 symptoms through a verbal screening.
• Are permitted to bring in patient belongings.
• Must wear a face mask at all times except when eating or drinking.
• Practice physical distancing, including to the extent possible in the patient’s room.
• Wash their hands or use hand sanitizer often, including upon entry or exit from the patient’s room.