

# JOHNS HOPKINS BAYVIEW APPROVED VISITOR/ CARE PARTNER GUIDELINES FOR INPATIENTS

Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center welcomes approved visitors/care partners to provide support for their loved ones, on a restricted basis and on designated pilot units in private rooms only. **Care partners are not 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 the patients choose to have at their side during care. Approved care partners must be 18 or older, except those under 18 who are parents of patients. Care partner guidelines adjust according to the 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.

Care partners should be identified at admission. Patients are encouraged to select one designated care partner to support them during their hospitalization. If the care partner can no longer fulfill their role, the patient may select another care partner 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 pilot 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.
- Units included in the pilot: Neuro, Med B, Maternal Child Health, Wenz Unit, 6Surg, Med A, Burn/Wound, Carol Ball Unit, Rehabilitation and Vent/Rehab.
- We will continue to review and amend our new visitation processes as needed.

## CARE PARTNERS

- Arrive between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., and use the blue awning entrance at the Bayview Medical Offices. Visitors for the Carol Ball Unit, Rehabilitation and Vent/Rehab should use the Burton Pavilion front entrance.
- At the discretion of the clinical team, an approved care partner may stay for the duration of the day, but once they exit the building, for any reason, they are not able to reenter until after 8 a.m. the next day.
- Must stay in the patient's room unless otherwise directed by the clinical team. Care partners will be directed by the clinical team where to go if asked to leave the room.
- If care partners need to change, the new care partner must arrive the day after the current care partner exits the hospital (care partners for patients at the end of life may change on the same day).
- Overnight stays must be approved by the clinical team.
- Must be screened daily for COVID-19 symptoms through a verbal screening. This is confirmed by wearing a dated visitor badge.
- 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.



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