



## **Obstetric/Nursery Patient Visitation**

Wayne Memorial Hospital has updated visitation guidelines for our obstetric patients due to increasing concerns about COVID-19 exposure from patients and visitors who are asymptomatic and due to an increased awareness of regional relocation of patients from high-risk areas. Our ultimate goal is to ensure the safest possible environment for our patients, their infants and our staff.

- 1.) PERINATAL/ANTEPARTUM VISITS - Visitation on Obstetrics is not permitted**, except under unusual circumstances that must be approved by the shift supervisor and/or Incident Command. In the event imminent labor is suspected follow section 2 below.
- 2.) LABOR and DELIVERY/Nursery - All patients who present to our hospital will receive appropriate medical and obstetrical care. One visitor at a time will be allowed as follows.**

### **Visitation will be permitted with the following guidance**

- Health screening procedures must be completed for all patients and visitors before entering the unit.
- Visitors who have a confirmed or suspected diagnosis of COVID-19 will be prohibited. See below for criteria for suspected COVID-19.
- Visitors from areas designated high-risk by the CDC or other governing bodies will be prohibited and may face additional hospital restrictions.
- *Patients* who are from high-risk regions may have a visitor who *has not been* in these high risk areas. Photo ID as proof of address may be requested.
- Suspected COVID-19 patients for the purpose of Ob/Nursery care at Wayne Memorial Hospital are defined as:
  - COVID-19 testing pending
  - High risk exposure to someone with confirmed COVID-19 (less than 6 feet for more than two minutes)
  - Symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 infection, including fever, cough and shortness of breath
  - Under quarantine for traveling or relocating from areas designated high-risk by the CDC or other governing bodies (14 days of quarantine required)

- Visitors will undergo daily monitoring during the stay in the hospital, including temperature and assessment of symptoms.
- One consistent visitor shall remain with the patient in her room throughout her entire stay. If the visitor leaves the hospital, he/she may not return.
- Meals may be ordered from the hospital cafeteria, Café 601, during normal operating hours or from a local vendor. Staff can accept deliveries and bring the take-out food to the patient's room so the visitor does not have to leave the room.
- **ALL patients and visitors will also be required to wear masks, preferably their own brought from home--** a clean, dry, freshly laundered cloth mask is acceptable. If they do not bring a mask, one will be provided to them. The mask must be worn at all times in the hospital.

While staff at Wayne Memorial Hospital are using universal PPE, we recognize that contamination of physical surfaces can occur by asymptomatic patients and visitors, prompting the masking requirement.

**If the mother is a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patient,** a conversation will be held with the mother and her partner regarding how to move forward, as recommended by the CDC.

- If a decision is made to separate mother and baby, an individual plan for visitation will be made on a case-by-case basis taking into account all aspects of the situation. The final plan will require approval by the Primary Care Provider and hospital Incident Command. Current recommendations from professional organizations and the CDC will also be reviewed at that time.
- If the mother and newborn are located in one room, then the visitor stays in the room with both of them, primarily to provide newborn care.
- Visitors who do not or cannot adhere to these rules will be asked to leave the premises for the protection of a high-risk population. Another visitor will not be allowed to replace him/her.
- Exceptions: The Incident Command will address any exception requests to this guidance with the goal of staff and patient safety being a first priority.

**THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING WAYNE MEMORIAL.**

**WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS.**