

PMC Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information and Updates

Important Updates to the Porter Medical Center Restricted Visitation policy and procedures to minimize patients/staff exposure to COVID-19.

- As of Wednesday afternoon, March 18th all Patients and Visitors will enter the hospital through the Emergency Department (other entrances will be available to staff via badge readers—see below for details)
- All Patients and Visitors will be screened in the Emergency Department vestibule.
 - Employee Badge readers will be enabled on the following access points for Staff entry: Emergency Department, “North Entrance” (main entrance for staff entering from the North parking lot), “East Stairwell Door” near the medical office building.

Following are specific guidance to the Visitation Policy by clinical area:

- Emergency Department: One visitor per patient. No visitor rotation with exception of end of life.
- Medical/Surgical Unit: No visitors for general patients. Visitors allowed for patients at end of life.
- Birthing Center: One visitor per patient. No visitor rotation.
- Surgical Services: No visitors. Any outpatient procedures requiring rides home will be coordinated by Surgical Services. Visitors providing transportation to patients will not be allowed in the building.
- Cardiology: One visitor/support person per visit.
- Express Care: ExpressCare patients will enter via the Emergency Department entrance to be screened and directed to the ExpressCare clinic. One visitor. No rotation.
- PMG Sites: One visitor/support person per visit.
- Infusion Center: No visitors.
- Helen Porter: No visitors. Limited visitation may be granted in certain end-of-life situations.

- Parking for Patients and Staff:
 - We will be implementing a traffic control station at our main entrance to assist people to find the appropriate place to park and enter our facilities.
 - Employees should use our North Parking Lot if possible. The parking lot in front of the hospital may be used by all Porter staff for parking when the North employee parking lot is full.

ONGOING COMMUNICATION AND RESOURCES

We have a new section on our employee Intranet site with Porter specific information, Frequently Asked Questions and a mechanism for employees to email questions they may have about Porter-specific coronavirus topics. You can get to this section from the Intranet home page (first link below).

We will be sharing additional information and any decisions that are related to addressing this current public health issue as this information becomes available. As a reminder, there is a link to our special Coronavirus website page on our PMC employee Intranet and additional information is being posted routinely on our social media sites.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To access information 24/7 visit:

<http://app03.pmc.org/coronavirus.html>

www.uvmhealth.org/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

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