



The health and safety of our patients and staff is our top priority, and you can trust HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital has taken every step to ensure we can provide you the best care in the safest way possible.

We have adapted our guidelines to ensure you, your child and our physicians and colleagues are protected inside our hospital. Things may look and feel a bit different, but rest assured, the care you receive will be everything you've come to expect.

## Visitors

**All routine visiting is suspended** to protect your child and our families, physicians, staff and the community during the outbreak of COVID-19.

**One approved adult primary caregiver** will be allowed to stay with your child (under 18) for the duration of the inpatient or outpatient stay. The adult primary caregiver **must** be fever/cold/flu symptom-free and meet all the screening guidelines upon entry to the hospital.

<b>Pediatric Inpatients</b>	One adult primary caregiver will be allowed. It is expected that if a caregiver will be present, one caregiver be designated for the entire stay to support the child's medical care. The caregiver must remain in the patient room at all times. Minimal passage in hallways will be allowed for showering and meals.
<b>Pediatric/PICU/ Hematology Oncology Inpatients</b> <i>under the age of 18 (minors)</i>	One adult primary caregiver will be allowed for the duration of the stay. The caregiver must remain in the patient room at all times. Minimal passage in hallways will be allowed for showering and meals. The goal is to decrease exposure to the environment outside of the hospital in the best way possible. Daily exiting/re-entry will not be allowed.
<b>NICU Infant</b> <i>mother has been discharged</i>	The mother may visit daily for infant feedings. She must stay in the reserved lounge between feedings. When absolutely necessary to leave between feedings, a mother will need to pass screening guidelines upon reentry. If the infant's mother is unable to visit, one adult primary caregiver will be allowed. One caregiver be designated for the entire stay to support the child's medical care.
<b>Long term and patients nearing end-of -life</b>	<i>Extenuating circumstances</i> and will be evaluated by the local unit.
<b>Pediatric Emergency Care</b> <i>under the age of 18 (minors)</i>	One adult primary caregiver will be allowed. It is expected that if a caregiver will be present, one caregiver be designated for the entire stay to support the child's medical care. The caregiver must remain in the patient room at all times. <i>Extenuating circumstances</i> will be evaluated by the local unit.
<b>Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Outpatient Clinic</b> <i>under the age of 18 (minors)</i>	One adult primary caregiver will be allowed. The caregiver must remain in the patient room at all times. Minimal passage in hallway will be allowed for use of the restroom. Additional notice: snacks, toys and games should be brought from home. To avoid unnecessary passage through waiting room, please exit use side doors.



## **Additional Safety Guidelines**

We ask that you follow additional patient safety guidelines when visiting HSHS St. Vincent Children's Hospital.

- Please do not travel out of your home area, except for essential needs.
- Cover your nose and mouth by wearing a facemask in public spaces.
- Immediately report any new symptoms or suspected exposure to Covid-19 cases.
- Distance yourself from others (at least 6 feet) at all times; both home and away from home.
- Wash hands often and thoroughly with soap and water (at least 20 seconds) or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Hand washing is especially important before eating, before touching your face/mouth/eyes and after touching shared or high touch surfaces.
- Regularly clean cell phones, door handles, light switches, faucets, toilet handles, bathrooms, and kitchen surfaces using household disinfectant or hot soapy water.

We care about you and your child! Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.