

## **Caregiver Guidelines Update**

### **Effective December 21, 2021**

Our first priority at Helen Keller Hospital is always the health and safety of our patients, your families and our staff. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we seek to deliver safe, quality care to you and your loved ones. In order to do so, there are guidelines for your caregiver.

- ❖ ***All caregivers must be 16 years of age and older, unless approved in advance by hospital administration***
- ❖ ***All caregivers must enter at the Main Entrance between 7am and 7pm, are screened upon entry for symptoms and will receive a caregiver badge***
- ❖ ***Caregivers must wear badges at all times***
- ❖ ***Anyone exhibiting symptoms of illness will not be allowed in our facility***
- ❖ ***All caregivers must wear a mask or appropriate face covering over nose and mouth, must observe social distancing and must sanitize their hands frequently***

#### **CAREGIVERS**

- Caregivers must have badge to utilize the cafeteria
- Caregivers must stay in the room unless visiting the cafeteria for a meal
- You may swap out caregivers between 7am and 7pm at the main entrance. Doors will lock at 7pm.

#### **INPATIENTS (non COVID positive)**

- May have two (2) caregivers at a time

#### **ICU/CRITICAL CARE**

- May have two (2) caregivers at a time

#### **WOMEN AND CHILDRENS (Labor & Delivery/Pediatrics)**

- May have two (2) caregivers at a time
- Siblings who are not experiencing any signs of illness are allowed to visit mom and baby
- Pediatrics may have two (2) caregivers at a time

#### **OUTPATIENTS/SURGERY OUTPATIENTS**

- May have two (2) caregivers at a time

#### **EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**

- May have one (1) caregiver that must remain in the room at all times and remain for duration of ER stay

#### **END-OF-LIFE CARE**

- Will be decided on a case by case basis

#### **COVID-19 POSITIVE OR PERSONS UNDER INVESTIGATION**

- May have one (1) caregiver that must remain in the room at all times. A food tray will be delivered for meals. No visitors allowed in IDU (Infectious Disease Unit). Visitors may swap out one (1) time per day.

**Violations of the Caregiver Guidelines will result in restriction and/or revoked visitation privileges.**