

## **Caregiver Guidelines Update**

### ***Effective July 8, 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 with badges may purchase food in the cafeteria
- Waiting rooms are closed during this time

### **INPATIENTS (non Covid positive)**

- May have up to two (2) caregivers that must remain in the room at all times unless visiting the cafeteria

### **ICU/CRITICAL CARE**

- May have up to two (2) caregivers that must remain in the room at all times unless visiting the cafeteria

### **WOMEN AND CHILDRENS**

- May have up to four (4) visitors. Two (2) caregivers may remain in the room during delivery. The other visitors should remain in the designated waiting area until after delivery.

### **OUTPATIENTS**

- May have up to two (2) caregivers

### **EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT**

- May have two (2) caregiver that must remain in the room at all times

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

- May have up to Two (2) people to support the patient during end-of-life care. If supporting a COVID-19 patient, thorough education on risk and Personal Protective Equipment is required.

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

- One visitor until patient is moved out of isolation, and then regular visiting policy applies. No visitors allowed in Infectious Disease Unit.