

ST. MARY'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
HOSPITAL VISITATION GUIDANCE FOR END-OF-LIFE SITUATIONS
OF POSITIVE COVID-19 PATIENTS
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This guidance is given to the hospital and visitors in relation to visitation to a COVID-19 positive patient at end of life during a declared Health pandemic when normal visitation has been disrupted out of an abundance of caution for safety of patients and the caregivers.

Depending on the prevalence in the community, spread and number of suspected or confirmed positive patients in the hospital, in consultation with medical staff, the hospital shall determine the visitation policy. It is the intent of the hospital to remain in compliance with CDC guidelines for patient visitation. This guidance is also in compliance with the Governor of Oklahoma's Open Up and Recover Safely Plan revised on 8.22.20.

End of Life visitation to a COVID-19 positive patient requires patient representative's name to be communicated to the House Supervisor who in turn will notify the screening desks at the entrances to the facility. Visitation at end of life will be limited to family only, limited to two visitors at a time over the age of 18. Recommendation is not to exceed 15 minutes. Exceptions to be approved by House Supervisor or Administrator on Call.

Patient representatives shall be subject to any screening procedures required by the facility, including temperature screening, observance of hand hygiene practices, and the wearing of appropriate PPE.

- Facility should provide instruction before patient representative enters patient's room on:
 - Hand Hygiene
 - Use of PPE (assistance with proper donning/doffing of PPE)
 - Limiting surfaces touched
- Patient representative should not be in room while any procedure (aerosolizing or not) is being performed
- Patient representative should be instructed to only visit the patient room. They should not go to other locations within the facility and should exit the facility directly upon leaving the patient's room

If patient representative fails to comply with facility guidance, they will be asked to leave and the facility may limit further access.