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I. PURPOSE

In-person visitation of inpatients at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital (JHACH) will be facilitated to support a Patient and Family Centered Environment, that ensures the quality and safety of the care provided.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

- A. All pediatric patients are permitted in-person visitors, and updates on visitor restrictions related to community transmission rates of infectious disease, including COVID-19, are posted at hopkinsallchildrens.org.
- B. The following apply regardless of community transmission rates of infectious disease:
 1. Pediatric patients will always be permitted at least 1 in-person care partner.
 2. Identified care partners may be present in the hospital 24 hours a day.
 3. Care partners and visitors must abide by the infection prevention policies in place. Current infection prevention measures for care partners and visitors can be found on the [JHACH Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information](#) page.
 4. Patients have the right to consensual physical contact with visitors.¹
 5. Patients have the right to a care partner of their choice.
 - a. Patients who are adults or emancipated minors may designate a visitor who is a family member, friend, or other individual as an essential caregiver.²
 - b. Care partners can exercise the patients' visitation rights on their behalf if the patient is unable to do so.
 6. All Care Partners and visitors who are 16 years or older, are required to produce a government issued valid identification (ID) as per JHACH policy # PTCRE005, to obtain a parent or visitor badge from security at the main hospital or the main outpatient care center entrances.
 - a. Exceptions can be agreed upon by Security and associated departments.
 - b. JHACH does not restrict, limit or otherwise deny visitation privileges on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, veteran or marital status, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ethnicity, language, physical and/or mental disability or known association with any protected class.
 7. Visitors will not be asked to show proof of immunization or vaccination.
 8. JHACH can suspend in person visitation of specific visitors if they fail to comply with the JHACH policies and procedures.
 9. All visitors and care partners should be free of infectious disease or communicable disease, including COVID-19, prior to visiting.
 10. Visitors must wear approved face masks during their visit, except when they are eating or when they are in the patient's private room and no staff is present.


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C. Emergencies/Natural Disasters/Public Health Crisis

1. In severe weather, natural disasters, public health crises, or situations where there is at threat of violence and other emergencies, the hospital may temporarily be locked down.
 - a. Visitation may be suspended during this time. However, at least one care partner will be permitted to stay with patients until the lockdown is lifted.
 - b. During emergencies, the hospital incident command center will communicate specific guidelines for individual patient care areas until after the incident command is de-activated.
 - c. JHACH reserves the right to adjust hospital visitation policies at any time based on current communicable disease trends/epidemics/pandemics and/or in the event of extraordinary circumstances warranting a change in hospital visitation.
 - i. If a patient has confirmed or suspected COVID-19, the following visitation guidelines are in place:
 - A care partner can be present.
 - The care partner must stay with the patient in their room throughout the patient's stay.
 - Any rotation of care partners must be approved by clinical leadership and the care partners must be escorted to and from the room by hospital staff or approved volunteers.
 - Parent's meals will be delivered and eaten in the room with the child.
 - Neonatal ICU policies for COVID+/-PUIs may vary. Please check with local leadership.
 - ii. JHACH uses four color-coded visitation risk levels to determine how we can safely invite care partners and visitors to join patients during inpatient stays. These guidelines help protect our patients, their care partners and our staff members by limiting the spread of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. The visitation risk levels are based on the number of COVID-19 cases in the community according to state and county public health information, as well as conditions in our health care environments.
 - Purple-Highest Risk
 - Up to 2 care partners may be at the bedside at the same time; up to 4 care partners can be named for the child for the duration of the stay — however, only 2 care partners may be in the hospital at a time. End-of-life exceptions for siblings may apply.
 - Level Red-High Risk
 - Up to 2 care partners may be at the bedside at the same time; care partners may rotate during the day. Visitation is open to visitors invited by the family who are over the age of 18.
 - Level Yellow-Medium Risk and Level Green-Lower Risk (COVID 19 still present in Community)
 - Up to 2 care partners may be at the bedside at the same time.
 - General care: Maximum of 3 children and 1 adult, or 2 adults and 2 children at the bedside at a time during visiting hours.
 - ICUs, high acuity areas or patients with immunocompromise: Visiting hours and guidelines may vary.

¹In accordance with Florida law, [SB 988](#).

²In-person visitation by the essential caregiver will be permitted for at least 2 hours daily in addition to any other authorized visitation. In accordance with Florida law [SB 988](#), essential caregivers are not required to provide care to a patient, nor are providers required to compel an essential caregiver to provide care.

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III. DEFINITIONS

Care Partner	Care partners must be the parents/guardians or be approved by the parents/guardians.
Family	A group of individuals with a continuing legal, genetic and/or emotional relationship with the patient, American Academy of Family Physicians, (2009)
Visitor	Anyone invited by the family to be present who does not meet the criteria for family or care partner

IV. SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION

References:

- A. [Senate Bill 988 - Enrolled](#)

V. APPROVAL

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