

Care Partner Guidance

- Care Partners will be screened daily for fever and symptoms of COVID-19
 - Care Partners will receive an orange wristband that must be worn at all times
 - Care Partners will receive patient support documents
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What is a Care Partner?

- Chosen by the patient, a Care Partner plays a vital role in supporting the patient
- A Care Partner does not have the authority to make health care decisions
- To make health care decisions on behalf of a patient, an Advance Directive for Health Care decisions is needed

Who can have a Care Partner?

- In special circumstances, a Care Partner is allowed for patients receiving inpatient care services (someone admitted to the hospital to stay overnight). Please see our [visitor policy](#) for more information.

What is the difference between a Care Partner and a visitor?

- A Care Partner actively participates in the patient's care, whereas a visitor does not

Do all patients have a Care Partner?

- No, please see our [visitor policy](#) for additional information

How is a Care Partner chosen?

- The patient discusses their Care Partner choice with their nurse
- After choosing the Care Partner, the nurse documents the Care Partner's information in the patient's file
- The nurse then explains the roles and responsibilities of being a Care Partner to both parties

How can I protect myself as the Care Partner?

- Wear a mask over your mouth and nose at all times, even in the patient's room
- Wash your hands often, and avoid touching your face
- If eating or drinking, distance yourself at least 6 feet from others
- Monitor yourself for COVID-19 symptoms
- If you have COVID-19 symptoms, do not visit the patient
- If you test positive for COVID-19 or influenza within three days of your last visit, notify the patient's care team
- Use safety measures outside of the hospital: wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance