

Visitation Guidance for Care Partners of Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19
Emory Healthcare Inpatient Facilities

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Patients who have COVID-19 can pass the infection to others, and we allow limited visitors to protect all of our patients, visitors, and staff. We also understand that some patients may need additional help and a care partner may be able to help.

We will allow **one care partner** to visit inpatients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 on a case-by-case basis. **There are very important rules or conditions that must be followed, and these are outlined below.**

If you are unable to follow these conditions, you may be asked to leave the facility.

- You acknowledge that you *might* get COVID-19 while visiting the patient, especially if masks are not used correctly.
- You must agree to **always** wear the mask correctly. (No eating or drinking in the patient's room).
- While inside the hospital (but outside the patient room), you must **always** wear a well-fitting medical-grade mask. (Surgical mask or KF94/KN95/N95 respirator mask).
 - This face mask must cover the nose and mouth when around others.
 - You agree to eat or drink outside of the hospital or in a hospital cafeteria – distance yourself so that you are alone and away from others.
- You agree **NOT to visit** if you develop ANY of the following signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and other infections.
 - Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, congestion, or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headaches, and/or new loss of taste/smell.
- If you test positive for COVID-19, **you will NOT be permitted** to visit the hospital until at least 10 days after the first day of symptoms or date of the positive test result, whichever is earlier.

- **For additional questions, please contact the nurse or nursing supervisor for your loved one.**