

To our Patients, their Families and Friends, and Community:

Cary Medical Center is committed to being here to care for you. Given the increased number of cases in Aroostook county at this time we are updating our visitor policy. We appreciate your understanding.

Visitors that are sick with respiratory tract symptoms such as cough, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath or other respiratory symptoms are asked to not visit the hospital. If you appear to be sick our staff will ask you leave the hospital.

Visitors who have traveled out of state in the last 14 days must follow Maine CDC guidelines and will be required to present a negative COVID-19 PCR test for entry.

All patients and visitors will be asked to mask on entry and remain masked while in the hospital. Exceptions to this policy cannot be made, if you decline to wear a mask, we will need to ask you to leave.

CURRENT VISITATION POLICY (effective 10.8.2020)

All inpatient units:

- 1) Each patient may designate **one person ONLY** that can visit throughout the course of the patient's stay with us. We ask that all other people visit by technology only.
- 2) No visitors under the **age of 16**.
- 3) No one who is sick, even if you only have a sniffle, may be a designated visitor.

In the ER:

- 1) **One visitor per patient**, but only after staff have triaged the patient and cleared them for visitation. People accompanying patients to the ED will be asked to wait in their vehicle or leave a number where they can be reached until such time as they can be allowed in.
- 2) No one who is sick, even if you only have a sniffle, may be a visitor.

In outpatient areas:

- 1) Please **reschedule your visit or testing** if you are sick, even if it is only a sniffle, unless your doctor thinks it is important that you have your test immediately.
- 2) Please **do not bring others with you**, regardless of their age, to outpatient testing appointments, labs, radiology, or other similar visits.
 - a. Exception for those with physical handicaps that require assistance to move through the facility, you may have one person with you for that purpose
 - b. Exception for a minor child or an adult that does not have the capacity to make their own decisions that is a patient, they may have one parent or guardian with them.
 - c. Exception for one person to accompany a patient for obstetric ultrasounds.

Exceptions:

- 1) Exceptions to the visitor policy will be made for end-of-life care situations.
- 2) No person's under investigation (PUI's) or patients with COVID-19 may have any visitors with an exception for one parent of a minor child, who will also be treated as a PUI.

The health of our patients and staff is our top priority. We realize that these restrictions may cause challenges, and we are sorry for any inconvenience or difficulties they may cause.

For all units please wash your hands before entering the room and before leaving the facility.

Thank you for your understanding and your attention to these changes. We are committed to only keeping these changes in place for as long as absolutely necessary.



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