

Visitor Guidelines

Visitor Guidelines for USC Verdugo Hills Hospital detail practices to maximize the safety of all who enter our hospital.

As of 9/1/21



For the safety of our patients, families and staff, visitors must:



Present proof of vaccination.

Visitors must be fully immunized (two weeks post final dose) of one of the following vaccines:

- Pfizer-BioNTech
- Moderna
- Johnson & Johnson/Janssen
- AstraZeneca



Present proof of negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours of each visitation.

Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated visitors are eligible for visits with approved documentation of a negative COVID-19 test collected within 72 hours of each visitation.

Home tests (Ex: Abbot BinaxNOW) cannot be used for clearance to visit.



Be in good health and undergo symptom screening when entering the building.



Practice frequent hand hygiene when entering/exiting the building or patient room, and as needed.



Wear a mask at all times when in the building and in the patient room.



Maintain 6 feet of physical distance from others in all areas including the patient's room.



Stay in the patient's room while in the unit.



Visitors are not permitted to eat in the patient's room or lobby because this would require unmasking.

Any visitors who are unwilling or unable to follow these guidelines will be asked to leave the premises.

What are acceptable forms of proof of vaccination?

- Picture, copy, or actual CDC COVID-19 Vaccine card
- Digital record of COVID-19 vaccination
 - California Department of Public Health (CDPH) COVID-19 digital record
 - Healthvana digital record (if vaccinated in LA County)

What are acceptable forms of proof of negative test?

Present a negative SARS-CoV-2 test result (PCR or antigen) collected within 72 hours of each day you visit. The documentation presented should have the date of collection and test result.

- Picture, copy, or actual negative SARS-CoV-2 test result
- Digital record of negative SARS-CoV-2 test result

Per state health department guidance, home tests like the BinaxNOW are not acceptable forms of testing for visitation in healthcare facilities.

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Visiting hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at USC Verdugo Hills Hospital.

Patient Populations	Visitors	Notes
Inpatients (excluding patients with COVID-19)	2	2 visitors can visit patient at a time, for up to one hour. Proof of vaccination or negative valid Covid-19 test must be presented to security before visit. Covid-19 test must have been collected within 72 hours of visitation.
Inpatients with COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19	No Visitors	Virtual visits are encouraged for patients who are COVID-19 positive or are suspected COVID-19 positive. End-of-life visitation is a special circumstance where the House Supervisor may approve 15-minute visitation.
Labor & Delivery/Post-Partum	2/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 birth partner + 1 additional person for Labor and Delivery.• 1 birth partner in Post-Partum.
NICU	2	2 parents.
Gero Psychiatric Unit	1	Visitation <u>based on physician approval.</u>
Emergency Department	1	1 visitor per patient <u>if space permits.</u> <i>Visitation not permitted for individuals who are COVID-19 positive or who have COVID symptoms</i>
Perioperative Services, GI Lab, and Procedures	1	1 visitor per patient <u>if space permits</u> for time up to surgery/procedure. Request for visitor to leave the building and return when patient's procedure is completed. Exceptions made by RN for visitor to stay for duration.

Exceptions to Visitor Requirements

The following exceptions can be made by the House Supervisor to allow visitation without proof of vaccination or negative test within the past 72 hours.

- Patients in critical condition when end of life may be imminent.
- Children under 18 years old.
- Patients with a physical, intellectual, developmental disability or cognitive impairment that require a known caregiver for support.

Our visitor guidelines related to hours, numbers and COVID-19 and potential COVID-19 patients still apply. All Hospital approved visitor exceptions will be required to wear a hospital-issued mask.