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CN0923 Visitation Restriction Policy for COVID-19 Pandemic Response

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center ("Fred Hutch") healthcare facility outpatient and inpatient workforce members.

PURPOSE:

To protect our staff, patients, and community during the outbreak of COVID-19, visitor restrictions will occur. Routine visiting is limited at Fred Hutch Clinics until the transmission of COVID-19 is no longer a threat to our patients, staff and community.

DEFINITIONS:

Visitor: A visitor is a non-patient, non-staff member that includes caregivers, spouses, family, and friends.

POLICY:

Visitors will be screened at designated areas for symptoms of respiratory illness.

Visitors should stay with the patient at all times.

Only asymptomatic visitors will be allowed into Fred Hutch clinical facilities based on the parameters outlined below:

VISITATION DETAILS & RESTRICTIONS

- Each patient is strongly recommended to have only 1 visitor
 - Exceptions to this include:
 - Patients who need additional assistance, including mobility assistance, beyond their caregiver
 - Patients who require a home caregiver to be trained may have 1 visitor in addition to the caregiver
 - Patients who need a caregiver for safety (e.g., for mental, developmental status, or for their disability such as blindness and/or hearing)
 - Patients with an additional visitor serving as their interpreter
 - Patients who are under the age of 18 may have one visitor, or parents or guardians (e.g. pediatric BMT patients)
 - Patients with children under the age of 18 that are accompanying their parent/guardian to clinic appointments
 - Patients with a visitor who has an additional dependent adult, the additional dependents are exceptions to the policy
- All individuals over two-years of age entering the Fred Hutch clinics must wear a medical grade mask covering the mouth and nose at all times in accordance with Universal Masking Policy and Masking Accommodation Policy
- Visitors must be asymptomatic when screened for respiratory viruses, including COVID-19
- Visitors cannot have pending COVID-19 tests that were taken due to symptoms or following exposure to a person who tested positive for COVID-19
- Visitors cannot have tested positive and still be within their isolation period or been in contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days
- Visitor restriction policy applies to Fred Hutch employees who have family members at Fred Hutch clinics
- The visitor restriction policy does not apply to law enforcement officers accompanying patients while on duty.
- Any exceptions to this policy must be cleared by a Clinical Operations Manager, AOC, or Chief Nursing Executive

REQUIREMENTS:

REFERENCES:

- [CMS regulation: 42 CFR §482.13\(h\)](#)
- [Universal Mask Policy](#)
- [Masking Accommodation Policy](#)

Approval Signatures

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