



## For the safety of our patients, staff, and community, visitation continues to be limited during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, The Herman & Walter Samuelson Children's Hospital requires you to limit the number of visiting parents or caregivers as much as possible. We sincerely understand how difficult visitation restrictions are for patients and their families. These limitations help us minimize the number of people in our hospital and keep risk of exposure and infection low. Ultimately, this helps further protect you, your families, and your littlest loved ones.

### What to Expect When You Arrive

- **Screening:** All visitors will be screened upon arrival. This may include a temperature check and illness symptom screening. Please note that we cannot allow anyone with signs and symptoms of illness to visit patients in our hospital.
- **Masks:** Based on CDC recommendations for the public, all visitors to Sinai Hospital are required to wear a mask. Upon arrival, visitors will be provided with a disposable mask. The mask should fit snugly over your nose and mouth. *It is important to wear your mask properly, covering both your mouth and nose, at all times.* Masks must be worn by parents and caregivers when in the hospital and in your patient's room. We appreciate your support by wearing a mask to help further protect everyone from an increased risk of illness.
- **Infection Prevention Practices:** Proper infection prevention practices, which includes masking, handwashing/sanitizing and social distancing, must be followed by all visitors and will be reinforced by staff throughout the hospital.

### Visitation Guidelines

- Visiting parents/caregivers must be healthy to help protect our patients and staff safe from exposure and illness. Those with pending COVID-19 test results and/or symptoms of illness cannot be in the hospital.
- No more than two healthy parents/caregivers can visit patients in the NICU. Only one visitor at a time.
- The two parents/caregivers must be the same for the duration of the baby's stay.



- **Visitors must** wear a surgical mask at all times (cloth masks are not permitted) and comply with other visitation/infection prevention practices and guidelines.
- For the protection of your baby, we strongly encourage you and other caregivers in your family to get vaccinated. Please see the [Maryland.gov](https://www.maryland.gov) website to schedule an appointment to get your vaccine!

## Staying in Touch

- Due to COVID-19, visitor restrictions may limit your ability to personally visit your loved one during their hospital stay. But that does not mean you cannot connect. Please speak with your baby's nurse for information on Zoom or FaceTime calls. We are more than happy to help connect family and other visitors with your baby.