

# Visitor Policy for Einstein Medical Center Montgomery

***Effective March 15, 2022***

As the instances of COVID-19 in the Delaware Valley decrease, Einstein Healthcare Network has updated our visitor policies. To ensure a safe environment for patients, we continue to restrict visitation to Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia, Center One, MossRehab, Willowcrest, Einstein Medical Center Elkins Park, Einstein Medical Center Montgomery and all outpatient practices.

Here are the latest guidelines for **Einstein Medical Center Montgomery**.

[View visitor policies for MossRehab/Elkins Park and Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia.](#)

- **Hospital Inpatients (including ICU and Observation):** Two designated visitors per calendar day. Visitation hours are from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Visitors must be at least 16 years of age. Visitors must wear an ear loop face mask. **Cloth masks and gaiters are not permitted. No visitors for COVID+ patients.**

- **Hospice:**

**Hospice Initiation** - Two people for initiation of hospice services for a two-hour visit. **Hospital Administrator Approval required outside of normal visiting hours or for COVID+ patients.**

**Hospice Visitation** – Two visitors per calendar day (one of which may stay overnight). No swapping out visitors. The overnight visitor must enter before the end of visiting hours and remain in the hospital for the night. No “in and out” permitted. Visitors must stay in the patient room and wear an ear loop face mask. For COVID + hospice patients, one compassionate care visit per admission (see Compassionate Care Visitation below). No other visitation.

- **Compassionate Care and End of Life:** Two visitors with a limit of two hours per visit. If the patient has COVID-19, the visitor must wear a face shield, surgical mask, gloves and a gown (PPE). Visitation is not permitted without PPE. **Hospital Administrator Approval Required.**

- **Physician Offices:** Two persons may accompany patients. All patients and visitors must have temperature checked, wear ear looped face masks and social distance. **Cloth masks and gaiters are not permitted.** Please check with the office if you have questions or specific needs.

- **Emergency Department:**

**Emergency Department Waiting Room** – One support person is permitted in the Emergency Department. The Emergency Department will not deny access to an attendant, caregiver or family member of a patient with an intellectual, developmental or cognitive disability, communication barrier, or behavioral concern. Parent(s) or guardian of a minor child will be permitted.

**For end-of-life visitation**, more than one family member may be permitted at the discretion of the Emergency Department care team.

**All support persons/visitors in Emergency Department must be over 18 years old** and must wear an ear looped face mask, maintain social distancing, and remain in the patient's room unless directed otherwise by the clinical team. There is no time limit for visitation in the Emergency Department. **Cloth masks and gaiters are not permitted.**

Visitors for patients with COVID-19, suspicion of COVID-19 or those being mechanically ventilated may have one adult visitor within the parameters above if that visitor states they are fully vaccinated and wears an ear loop face mask.

- **Outpatient Surgery:** Visitors / support persons are not permitted to wait in the building.

**Short Procedure Unit – Hospital (SPUM)** - Two persons may accompany the patient preoperatively and at discharge. Only one person can be with the patient at a time. Visitors must wear an ear loop face mask. **Cloth masks and gaiters are not permitted.**

**Joint Replacement Patients in SPUM** - Two persons preoperatively and two persons may visit between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., postoperatively. Visitors must wear an ear loop face mask. On the day of discharge, the visitors will meet the patient in the lobby of the hospital. **Cloth masks and gaiters are not permitted.**

**Blue Bell and Short Procedure Unit- Braemer Building (SPUB)** – Two visitors/support persons are permitted at the time of discharge. Visitors must wear an ear loop face mask. **Cloth masks and gaiters are not permitted.**

- **Neonatal Intensive Care Unit:** Two designated visitors are permitted to visit between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Visitors may leave and return once per day. One visitor may stay 24/7. Visitors will be given a wristband. Visitors must wear ear loop face mask. **Cloth masks and gaiters are not permitted.**

- **Labor and Delivery:** Two support people are permitted in Labor and Delivery. Their names will be documented in the Visitor Information Sheet. The support people are permitted for the entire length of stay in Labor and Delivery and may leave and return once per day. Both support persons will be required to wear a purple visitor band.

Doulas are permitted and will be added to the approved visitor list and count as the second support person. If the patient desires to swap the doula for a different support person, this will occur on the Mom/Baby unit. Both doula and the other support person will be required to wear purple visitor bands and an ear loop face mask. **Cloth masks and gaiters are not permitted.**

- **Mother Baby:** Of the two banded support people from Labor and Delivery, one may stay 24 hours and one may visit 11am to 6pm. They may leave and return once per day. They must wear an ear loop face mask and follow direction from the clinical team. **Cloth masks and gaiters are not permitted.**

- **OB Visitation Special Circumstances (Labor and Delivery, Mother Baby, NICU):** Children and Youth Services are permitted at the discretion of the Clinical Team. Surrogates and adoptions will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

- **Antepartum:** Two designated banded visitors are permitted to visit one at a time. Visitor must be at least 16 years old and wear an ear loop face mask. **Cloth masks and gaiters are not permitted.**

**COVID Positive (+) Mother/Patients Refusing COVID Testing:** One banded support person who is not known to be COVID Positive (+) or showing signs of illness is permitted but must stay in the room with the patient during the entire length of stay. The support person is not permitted in the operating room but will be reunited with baby and mom as soon as possible.

- **Antenatal Testing Unit (ATU):** One support person for ultrasound visits will be permitted. The support person must wait in the lobby or the car until called in for the appointment. Ear loop face mask is required. **Cloth masks and gaiters are not permitted.**

- **Detained Newborns:** Two banded people may visit from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and can leave once per day. One person can stay overnight. Ear loop masks required. **Cloth masks and gaiters are not permitted.**

- **GYN or Readmission:** Two visitors per patient per calendar day, 11 am to 6pm. Visitor must be 16 years of age or older and wear an ear loop mask. **Cloth masks and gaiters are not permitted.**

- **Medical/Radiation Oncology:** Patients are permitted two accompanying support persons in the respective oncology treatment areas (infusion suite/radiation treatment) and for physician office visits. Ear loop face masks are required. **Cloth masks and gaiters are not permitted.**

- **Clergy:** Outside of regular visiting hours, Clergy must have approval of clinical leadership prior to arrival.

- **Vendors:** Must have approval of clinical leadership prior to arrival.