

Visitor Policy Hospice Inpatient Units			
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Policy

The safety and wellbeing of our patients, employees and visitors are our first and most important priority. Our designated employees educate visitors in preventing, required visitor screening, containing, eliminating, and controlling infections, hand hygiene appropriate PPE as required. Visitor education will take place when a patient is admitted to the inpatient unit and as needed. We follow CDC guidelines in regard to our current procedures.

Visiting Hours

24 hours a day 7 days a week
There is no time limitation for visits during these hours.

Visitor Screening

Visitor screening will follow current CDC guidelines.

Sign in/Sign out Log

Visitors will sign in when entering the building and sign out when departing.

Hand Hygiene

The hospice inpatient unit staff understand the importance of hand hygiene.

Visitors are requested to wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer upon entering the building and interacting with their loved one.

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)

When a resident requires isolation:
A sign will be placed on the door indicating the type of PPE is required.
The PPE will be readily available to visitors.
PPE may include face masks, cap, visors, gloves, gown, shoe coverings. Policies regarding PPE are available for everyone upon request. **Assistance and education regarding PPE will be provided by Covenant Care team members for anyone needing help.**

Consensual Physical Contact

Patients residing in our inpatient units sometimes have reasoning difficulties and/or are not fully alert therefore consensual physical contact is difficult to obtain. Our inpatient unit team members understand the importance of a physical relationship between loved ones, especially during this time. Our Clinical Manager or designee is available to discuss the private needs of each patient.

The administrator or designee is responsible for ensuring that policy and procedures are followed by our staff.