



**DEPARTMENT: ENVIRONMENT OF CARE**  
**POLICY & PROCEDURE: VISITOR RESTRICTIONS AND VISITOR/PATIENT SCREENING**

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**PURPOSE:**

Our focus is to best protect our patients, caregivers, and community, and to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

**POLICY:**

- Ocean Beach Hospital & Medical Clinics (OBHMC) are restricting visitor access until COVID-19 is no longer considered a public health threat.
- **All visitors/patients will be asked to mask upon entrance to the hospital and medical clinics. Visitors/patients are permitted to wear a fabric face mask from home as long as no symptoms/fever is present.**
- All visitors/patients must check-in and out at the screening station.

**Patients:**

- All patients will be given a simple mask if they are not wearing a cloth mask
- All patients will be asked a series of screening questions.
- All patients will have their temperature checked.
- All patients will be asked to change their cloth mask to a simple mask if they have a fever or answer yes to any of the screening questions
  - The patient will:
    - Sanitize hands
    - Remove mask and place in the paper receptacle
    - Sanitize hands
    - Place new mask
- All patients must perform hand hygiene before proceeding to their destination.

**Visitors:**

- All visitors will be given a simple mask if they are not wearing a cloth mask
- All visitors will be asked a series of screening questions.
- All visitors will have their temperature checked.
- All visitors who have a fever or answer yes to any of the screening questions will be asked to go home and call their provider
- All visitors must perform hand hygiene before proceeding to their destination.
- All patient visitors must always remain six feet away from the patient.
- A log of all visitors will be kept for tracking purposes.

- When cleared, visitors will be given a sticker and will be reminded to check out upon departure.
- **Visitors who are feeling ill or under 16 years of age are requested not to visit the hospital or medical clinics at this time.**
- Visitors will not be allowed within the hospital and medical clinics until further notice, with the following exceptions:
  - **One (1) support person to help a patient with mobility challenges or discharge instructions.**
  - **One (1) designated support person for Emergency Department (ED) patients.**
  - **Two (2) parents of a minor patient.**
  - **Two (2) support persons for end-of-life patients.**
- Additionally, hospital access will be restricted to the following entrances:
  - Main hospital – 174 1st Ave N, Ilwaco, WA - Admitting Waiting Room (0600-2200)
  - Main hospital – 174 1st Ave N, Ilwaco, WA – ED entrance (after-hours)

Patients can typically be reached by phone, by calling our main hospital and asking to speak with them. You may also request an update from their healthcare team if patients have given consent to share their information with the visitor or caller.