Dear Pediatric Inpatient and ED Providers & Staff,

We understand that there are many reasons why visitors are important to patients, however in this time, due to DPH restrictions and to ensure the safety of our patients and staff, only visitors meeting the criteria below are eligible for exceptions under the current restrictions.

**General Visitation:** Visitation for patient support without a “medical or caregiving necessity” is allowed only for patients in the ED, Periop and Inpatient Areas. In approved areas under general visitation, patients, regardless of condition, are allowed one visitor per day. Switches can be made to another visitor every 12 hours. The ED/PACU/Bedside nurse **MUST** add the visitor to the patient’s APeX Visitor list to enable entry.

**Necessary Visitation (by approval only):** Patients who require a “necessary visitor” are eligible for special visitor exceptions upon **approval by unit/clinic leadership**. For the patients below, visitors may be allowed for a longer duration and in greater numbers in the ED, PACU and inpatient setting. The most common exceptions are below, please see the full policy for more details

1. Complicated Discharge Needs—two primary caregivers allowed for teaching
2. MIBG—two primary caregivers allowed to split radiation load
3. Symptomatic primary caregiver if essential to care of the patient and no alternative can be identified (caregiver must wear a mask and stay in room at all times)
4. Critical situations: Surgical cases where the patient will recover in a critical care setting and a patient on ECMO during cannulation and decannulation and patient deterioration, code or RRT event until situation stabilizes and patients with two or more medical devices
5. Postpartum readmission to the Birth Center—primary caregiver and infant allowed for rooming in to promote initiation of breastfeeding
6. Patients with documented behavioral challenges who require a second caregiver
7. Family meetings where two caregivers need to be present
8. End of Life and Comfort Care (see below)

Visitors not on the approved list, will not be allowed into the building, even if meeting the criteria above. To obtain approval for a necessary visitor, please follow the steps below.

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<th>Step 1. Determine whether a requested visitor meets the exception criteria set out by DPH and UCSF as above</th>
<th>Step 2. Visitor Exceptions <strong>MUST</strong> be reviewed with the unit director prior to granting visitors permission to visit</th>
<th>Step 3. RN Unit Directors are responsible for managing the exception visitor lists and facilitating visitor entry through screening &amp; security</th>
<th>Step 4. Primary teams or SW <strong>MUST</strong> communicate to visitors the limitations on the numbers and timing of visitors despite the exceptions.</th>
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<td><strong>COVID + and – Patients at the EOL</strong> (patients may be, but are not necessarily comfort care)</td>
<td><strong>Children’s ICU and Floor</strong> Two providers are allowed at the bedside. An additional four visitors are allowed when death is imminent, † for total of six including the two primary caregivers. No more than four total people on the visitor list and at the patient’s bedside at any time, and additional four visitors should only swap with each other once.</td>
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*End of Life is defined as a patient expected to survive less then 7 days, those on comfort care, or those with a challenging disposition to hospice as their next level of care.

† Imminent death is defined as patient expected to pass away within 12 hours.

For the full policy, please see tiny.ucsf.edu/UCSFVisitors or contact Kim.Scurr@ucsf.edu or Valerie.Bendar@ucsf.edu

Take care. Be kind. Stay safe.