

SAMARITAN HEALTHCARE CLINICS SUPPORT PERSON & VISITOR POLICY

Support Person: an individual who is in a support role for a patient or who is legally responsible for making health care decisions on behalf of a patient. The support person may include a family member, friend, or another individual who is there to support the patient and serves an essential role in the care of the patient. The role of a support person is not limited to a relationship that is legally recognized in Washington. The designation of a support person is not intended to supplant Washington law concerning the patient's legal representative.

Visitor: Friend, family member, or loved one wanting to visit with a patient.

As the organization continues to follow CDC recommendations to protect our patients, staff, and community from potential exposure to COVID-19, Samaritan Healthcare has enacted the following support person & visitor policies for the Samaritan Hospital campus:

- All support persons & visitors are required to pass the wellness screening checkpoint, and wear a mask prior to visiting any patient unit; masks are not required for patients 2 years old or younger
- All minors are allowed (1) support person
- Anyone needing physical or developmental assistance is allowed (1) support person
- Any patient who is symptomatic and is under investigation of COVID-19, or is a confirmed COVID-19 patient, support persons and/or visitors are not allowed

The following clinic-specific policies apply:

- **Samaritan Pediatrics:**
 - All minors are allowed (1) support person
 - Anyone needing physical or developmental assistance is allowed (1) support person
- **Samaritan OB/GYN:**
 - (1) support person allowed