

The Outer Banks Hospital and Medical Group

Visitor Restrictions Effective August 13, 2021

Visiting Restrictions by Department All visitors must be screened and follow entry requirements:	
Hospital Inpatient Departments, Including Surgical Inpatients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) healthy adult visitor screened and masked at all times. • Visitor must stay in patient’s room unless visiting the café or vending area. • Visitor may switch out with one (1) other healthy adult visitor per day (12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.)
Women’s Center, Labor & Delivery, Maternity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) healthy adult visitor screened and masked at all times. During the labor process, one additional labor support person over 18 years of age is also permitted at the bedside for the duration of labor up until two hours post-delivery.
Medical Practices, Urgent Care Centers and Outpatient Clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visitors allowed in medical practices, urgent care centers and outpatient areas. Patients who are minors, or who fall within ADA guidelines, or require a visitor for clinical care or safety, may have one (1) healthy adult visitor screened and masked at all times in lobby or waiting areas. • Maternity Visits may have One (1) healthy adult visitor screened and masked at all times during appointment.
Surgical Outpatient Procedures That Require Sedation or Anesthesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) healthy adult visitor screened and masked at all times may wait with patient until that patient proceeds to their pre-surgical or pre-procedure area. Visitor may return at time of discharge.
Emergency Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visitors allowed in lobby or waiting areas. Patients who are minors, or who fall within ADA guidelines, or require a visitor for clinical care or safety, may have one (1) healthy adult visitor screened and masked at all times in lobby or waiting areas. • One (1) healthy adult visitor screened and masked at all times allowed once patient is placed in a room. Patient must be COVID negative to have a visitor.
End-of-Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family members who are screened and masked may visit with guidance from care team and should call the unit for guidance.
Behavioral Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visitors allowed. Ask unit for accommodations regarding virtual visits.
COVID-19 Positive Patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No visitors allowed. Ask unit for accommodations regarding virtual visits.

These restrictions may change from day to day as the COVID -19 situation evolves.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility.