VISITOR GUIDELINES

For parents of pediatric inpatients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

Your child has COVID-19 or is being tested for COVID-19 because of their symptoms. While your presence is important for your child’s physical and emotional well-being, staying with them in the hospital puts you at risk of getting COVID-19.

Wearing the personal protective equipment (PPE) we will give you can lower your risk.

By visiting or staying with your child you acknowledge that you assume these risks.

To protect you, your child, other patients, and hospital staff, you must wear PPE, wash your hands often, and follow other safety rules outlined below.

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• One parent or legal guardian is allowed per day. This person must be listed in Epic as an “approved visitor.” Leaving and returning or switching out during the day is not permitted.

• You must wear a face mask at all times when inside the hospital, including elevators, and when holding or caring for your child.

• You must wear a face mask when coming to or from the unit.

• When leaving the hospital, you must go straight to your vehicle without stopping.

• You must stay in your child’s room and may not visit any other area of the unit or hospital.
  – You may not visit the cafeterias, gift shops, library, or any other public area in the hospital.

• You **must wear an N95 face mask, a gown, gloves, and eye protection** at all times when with your child if visiting during the day for less than four hours.

• If you are staying overnight with your child and have been living with them before admission:
  – You are strongly encouraged to wear the N95 face mask at all times, especially when in direct contact with your child.
  – If you choose not to wear an N95 mask, you are required to wear a medical-grade or cloth mask whenever hospital staff are present.
  – When you need to remove your face mask to eat a meal or sleep, please contact your child’s nurse first so we can work together to continue to care for you and your child in a safe manner.
  – While your child is in isolation for COVID-19, we will give you a meal card so you may order meals to be delivered to your child’s room.

*If you do not follow these rules, you may be asked to leave the hospital.