



Obstetrical Visitation Updates

We're relaxing our visitation restrictions as of, May 1, 2022, now that Fresno County COVID-19 infection rates are trending downward and we have fewer COVID-19 patients in our hospitals.

All visitors must be:

- Fully vaccinated or have a recent negative COVID-19 test* (See more details below)
- Age 16 or older
- Screened for COVID-19 symptoms before entering our facilities and provide their name and contact phone number to be electronically documented for the patient being visited
- Wearing required personal protective equipment such as masks at all times

*There are exceptions for unvaccinated visitors for patients in spontaneous labor.

What kind of patient are you?	If you are COVID-19 positive, in quarantine or being tested and isolated to rule out COVID-19	For patients with no COVID-19 concerns	Visiting hours
In active Labor and Delivery	1 visitor is permitted plus a contracted Doula (Doula must have prior authorization)	2 visitors per day and a contracted Doula with prior authorization.	All hours
OB Triage/ OB PACU/ OB Operating rooms	1 visitor per day permitted with approval from nursing managers	1 visitor per day	All hours
Postpartum	1 visitor per day permitted with approval from nursing managers <i>Private room required</i>	2 visitors per day	All hours for the birthing support person Noon – 8 p.m. only for a second visitor per day
Antepartum Patient	No visitors permitted except for special circumstances	1 visitor per day	Noon – 8 p.m.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients with physical, intellectual, developmental disabilities or cognitive impairments or their family/patient representative may have 2 support people present at a time. • For an end-of-life situation, 2 support people will be permitted on a case-by-case basis. • Consideration will be given on a case-by-case basis for intended parents in adoption or gestational surrogate situations. 		

Please let your visitors know:

- All visitors will be provided a surgical mask. Visitors for COVID-19 positive or quarantine patients will be provided an N95 respirator mask, eye protection, gown and gloves prior to entering the patient's room.
- Visitors must go straight to the room of the patient they are visiting. Cafés and coffee shops will remain closed to visitors for seating and visitors are not allowed to gather in hallways.

In an ongoing effort to ensure patient safety and to minimize the spread of COVID-19 among vulnerable individuals, California Department of Public Health is requiring hospitals to verify the vaccination status of visitors or obtain documentation of SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test results for visitors who are unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated.

Options for Providing Proof of Vaccination

- COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control & Prevention or WHO Yellow Card) which includes name of person vaccinated, type of vaccine provided, and date of last dose administered); OR
- a photo of a Vaccination Record Card as a separate document; OR
- a photo of the visitor's Vaccination Record Card stored on a phone or electronic device; OR
- documentation of COVID-19 vaccination from a healthcare provider; OR
- digital record that includes a QR code that when scanned by a SMART Health Card reader displays client name, date of birth, vaccine dates and vaccine type.

Visitors may access their digital vaccination record by using the [CDPH Digital COVID-19 Vaccine Record](#) website.

Unvaccinated or Incompletely Vaccinated Visitors **

- Must show documentation of a negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test collected within 2 days **or antigen test collected within 1 day before each visit** and for which the test results are available at the time of entry to the facility.
- Visitors may choose antigen or molecular (e.g., PCR) testing to satisfy the testing requirement.
- Antigen home tests are not accepted because there is no way to determine who took the test and when it was taken.
- For visitors who visit for multiple consecutive days, proof of negative test is required every third day (meaning testing is only required on day 1, day 4, day 7 and so on).
- Unvaccinated or incompletely vaccinated visitors with history of COVID-19 within the prior 90 days may provide documentation of recovery from COVID-19 and release from isolation in lieu of testing.

** Unvaccinated support people coming in with patients in active, spontaneous labor will be permitted with proper, protective masking.