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Salina Regional modifies visitation guidelines at hospital and clinics for COVID-19

(June 25, 2021) – Salina Regional Health Center and its affiliated Salina clinics are modifying their COVID-19 visitor restrictions to accommodate patients and families while COVID-19 infection numbers remain low in the community.

Effective today, hospital inpatients may have two visitors in the building at the same time instead of two visitors per day. Visitors will be required to check out at the hospital's main entrance to allow additional visitors to enter.

In addition, all outpatients, emergency room patients and clinic patients may have two visitors/assistants accompany them for appointments.

“We will continue to monitor COVID-19 infection risk in our community and adjust our visitation policies to both accommodate patients and families and protect patients and staff,” said Bethanie McDowell, infection prevention director at Salina Regional Health Center.

All other COVID-19 guidelines will remain in place:

- All who enter the facilities will be screened for COVID-19 infection risk.
- Visitors will be given a visitor identification bracelet upon entry.
- Hospital visitors must be age 18 or older.
- Masks will be required for all patients and visitors age 2 and older following state and federal COVID-19 requirements for health care facilities.

- Visitors should remain with patients as much as possible and socially distance from others.
- Patients who are COVID-19 positive, or who are being tested for COVID-19, will not be allowed to have visitors.
- Compassionate exceptions to these guidelines will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

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