

## Ochsner Lafayette General's Current Visitor Policy (Effective Thursday, October 15, 2020)

As the situation changes, so do our policies. Starting at 5 a.m. on Thursday, October 15, we will be modifying our restricted visitor policy and begin inviting more of our patients' loved ones into our facilities. We understand the importance of patients having a loved one with them while healing and receiving care at our hospitals.

To improve comfort and communication between staff, patients and family while maintaining an environment of infection control, we're following [our most recent masking protocols](#) and updating visitor policies across our health system:

Non-COVID Patient Type	Unique, Asymptomatic Visitors will have armband with date/ sticker
<b>Surgery patients</b>	Patient is allowed <b>two (2)</b> asymptomatic visitors for duration of stay for outpatient procedures; visitor may or may not be able to wait in waiting areas due to social distancing limitations; visitor may be in room with patient; visitor should leave phone # to be contacted if waiting in car
<b>ED patients</b>	Patient is allowed <b>one (1)</b> asymptomatic visitor for duration of stay when patient is in room; visitor may or may not be able to wait in waiting areas due to social distancing limitations; visitor should leave phone # to be contacted if waiting in car
<b>Inpatients</b>	Patient is allowed <b>two (2)</b> identified asymptomatic visitors for duration of stay from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., one of which will be allowed to stay overnight from 8 p.m. – 7 a.m.; subjective symptom screen daily in room or at screening station upon initial re-entry
<b>Labor/ Delivery/ Mother/ Baby</b>	Patient is allowed <b>two (2)</b> identified asymptomatic visitors for duration of stay from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., one of which will be allowed to stay overnight from 8 p.m. – 7 a.m.; subjective symptom screen daily in room or at screening station upon initial re-entry
<b>Peds/ NICU</b>	Patient allowed is allowed <b>two (2)</b> identified asymptomatic visitors for duration of stay; subjective symptom screen daily upon initial re-entry
<b>ICU</b>	Patient is allowed <b>two (2)</b> identified asymptomatic visitors during newly defined ICU visiting hours only; 9-10 a.m., 1-2 p.m. and 5-6 p.m.; waiting in waiting room allowed for emergent purposes only; subjective symptom screen daily as above
<b>Clinics / Outpatients</b>	Patient is allowed <b>one (1)</b> identified asymptomatic visitor for duration of stay when patient is in room with the exception of pediatrics which will be allowed <b>two (2)</b> identified asymptomatic visitors; visitor may or may not be able to wait in waiting areas due to social distancing limitations; visitor(s) should leave phone # to be contacted if waiting in care
<b>COVID Patients</b>	Only at end-of-life circumstances as previously defined