

Ochsner Lafayette General's Current Visitor Policy (Updated November 19, 2020)

As the situation changes, so do our policies. In response to the significant increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations and increase in community positivity rate, starting at 5 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, we will be restricting our visitor policy.

In order to maintain an environment of infection control, we're following **our masking protocol** and **patients will be limited to one visitor per patient at all Ochsner Lafayette General facilities**. Families are encouraged to use alternate means of communication such as FaceTime, Skype or phones located in patient rooms.

Non-COVID Patient Type	Unique, Asymptomatic Visitors will have armband with date/sticker
Surgery patients	Patient identifies one (1) asymptomatic visitor for duration of stay; 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
ED patients	Patient identifies one (1) 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
Inpatients	Patient identifies one (1) asymptomatic visitor for duration of stay; subjective symptom screen daily in room or at screening station upon initial re-entry
Labor/ Delivery/ Mother/ Baby	Patient identifies one (1) asymptomatic visitor for duration of stay; subjective symptom screen daily in room or at screening station upon initial re-entry
Peds/ NICU	Patient allowed two (2) asymptomatic visitors for duration of stay; subjective symptom screen daily upon initial re-entry
ICU	Patient allowed one (1) asymptomatic visitor during newly defined ICU visiting hours only; 9-10 a.m. and 1-2 p.m.; waiting in waiting room allowed for emergent purposes only; subjective symptom screen daily as above
Clinics/ Outpatients	One (1) visitor allowed at this time
COVID-19 Patients	Only in end-of-life circumstances as previously defined