

In an ongoing effort to protect all of our patients, staff, and community from the risks associated with COVID19 Lincoln Surgical Hospital (LSH) will maintain a restricted visitor policy.

Visitor Restrictions: General Guidelines-

- Masks are required for all persons entering a LSH facility, unless there is a special circumstance or the person is a pediatric patient under the age of two. Masks with vents or valves are prohibited. Cloth Masks are discouraged.
- All staff, care team, and visitor are expected to wash/sanitize their hands before and after entering a patient's room. These hand sanitizing stations may be inside your room or just outside the door. Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the facility.
- Patients and visitors will be asked screening questions upon entry into the hospital for illness/fever and exposure to COVID-19. Only visitors able to pass the screening process will be allowed.
- All visitors must display a visitor sticker when in the facility.
- Patients and visitors are required to follow all infection prevention and other LSH guidelines. Anyone violating these guidelines will be asked to leave the facility. Staff will utilize their chain of command if patient or visitor remains non-compliant.
- LSH does not have set visitation hours; however, we ask that visitors respect the recovery needs of the patient.
- Please be mindful of social distancing when in shared spaces like the cafeteria and/or waiting areas.
- One adult support person 19 years of age or older is permitted to stay overnight with patients who are lodged in private rooms.
- **Eye Surgical Area**
 - Most eye procedures are performed in our eye procedural department.
 - Unless a patient meets exception criteria, no visitors are allowed in the eye procedural area itself. A staff member will contact the designated person after the procedure or as needed.

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Additional Restrictions: Local Covid-19 Dial – Green or Yellow

- **Two visitors** may accompany each patient into the hospital. Visitors can be interchanged throughout the day. An infant or child is also considered a visitor and must be accompanied by an adult.
- **Eye Surgical Area**
 - Visitors with eye surgical patients may wait in the waiting area during the patient's procedure.

Additional Restrictions: Local Covid-19 Dial - Orange

- **One adult visitor** age 19 or older may accompany each patient into the hospital. Visitors can be interchanged throughout the day as long as there is only one visitor at a time in the hospital. We do ask that the amount of visitors and the times they leave is limited as we are trying to help prevent exposures to COVID-19.
- Visitors are asked to stay in the patient's room unless asked to step out so staff can care for the patient (privacy/procedure, etc.) or the patient is in surgery and their post op room is unavailable. Staff will direct visitor where to go.
- Cafeteria food and drink is available to go and preferably during busy times please consume in the patients room to reserve tables for staff use.
- **Eye Surgical Patients**
 - One healthy adult may accompany the patient to registration and waiting area, once the patient is escorted to the eye procedural area the visitor will be asked to leave the building.
 - Upon patient discharge the designated person will be called with discharge teaching and the patient will be escorted to the vehicle for discharge.

EXCEPTIONS

- Pediatric/Minors- (age 18 years or younger in Nebraska) are allowed two parents/guardians in to accompany them.
- Adults needing special assistance- are allowed one adult support or care provider (determined by the care team in addition to the allowed visitor).
- One Pastoral Care/Clergy requested by the patient may visit in addition to the allowed visitors.
- One contracted interpreter is allowed per patient in addition the allowed visitors.

Family/Friends are encouraged to maintain contact with patients by personal phones or video conferencing (FaceTime, Zoom, etc.). Designated representatives can call the hospital to check on a patient's status or connect to a patient's room. **Main Hospital Switchboard 402-484-9090.**

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Discharge instructions may be reviewed with the patient’s representative via phone, FaceTime, Skype, zoom, etc. if they are unable or choose not to enter the hospital. Written instructions will also be reviewed with and provided to the patient.

REFERENCES:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (March 2021) Healthcare Facilities: Managing Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019ncov/hcp/guidance-hcf.html>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (March 2022) COVID-19: Know Your COVID19 Community Level <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-bycounty.html>

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