**Visitation Policy**

Neshoba County General Hospital – Nursing Home (NCGH) is committed to keeping our patients, staff, and visitors safe as we respond to the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). At this time, visitation is restricted in all areas of NCGH with further clarification for specific facilities and units. In some cases, designated visitors are permitted under this policy. A designated visitor is the visitor who first visits the patient that day and may not change during the day; designated visitors may change the next day. Children under the age of 17 are not permitted to visit at this time.

* Visitation is fully restricted at the Neshoba County Nursing Home except for an end-of life situation.
* Adult patients admitted to the Emergency Department, Hospital, and Senior Life GPU are permitted one designated visitor per day.
* Adult patients in outpatient areas and clinics are not permitted visitors except for patients that have a behavioral or medical condition where a caregiver is essential to their care.
* Adult patients undergoing outpatient surgery may have one designated visitor (the patient’s designated driver) before and after surgery.
* Pediatric patients are permitted to have the same two designated adult visitors, but both must be parents, guardians, or caregivers.
* Visitation is not permitted for adults admitted under isolation, including COVID 19 suspected or confirmed, except for an end-of-life situation.
* In an end-of-life situation, a patient may have up to 2 designated visitors per day.
* Efforts are made to grant requests from a patient or family member for visits from a chaplain, Eucharistic minister, community clergy, or other spiritual advisor.
* Other exceptions are evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

**Visitors entering a NCGH facility are screened at a designated location. Visitors meeting any of the following criteria are not allowed to visit:**

* Temperature of 99.6 degrees F or higher.
* Upper respiratory symptoms including any of the following: cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, chills, body aches, and/or loss of taste or smell.
* Under home isolation orders per MSDH or awaiting a COVID-19 test result.

**Masks:**

Visitors are required to wear masks. Please bring your own mask with you when you visit one of our facilities. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided. Visitors that do not adhere to wearing a mask will be asked to leave the premises for NCGH to protect the safety of our staff, patients, and other visitors.

**Visiting hours:**

Hospital: 6:00 am to 6:30 pm

Senior Life GPU: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

We encourage our patient families and friends to use remote visits using telephone or video chat.

Frequent handwashing is required to protect our patients, staff, and visitors from the spread of germs and viruses. Thank you for your patience and understanding.