

## Neshoba County General Hospital – Nursing Home Temporary Visitation Policy

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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). Visitation is restricted for all patients, with further clarification for specific facilities and units. In some areas, designated visitors/caregivers are permitted under this policy. A designated visitor/caregiver is the person who first visits the patient that day and may not change during the day but may change the next day. Children under the age of 17 are not permitted to visit at this time.

### **Effective immediately and until further notice, the visitor policy for all NCGH facilities is as follows:**

- Visitation is permitted at the Neshoba County Nursing Home following the most up to date guidelines from the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Please contact 601-663-1377 for the current guidelines for visitation as they are subject to changing frequently.
- Adult patients in the Emergency Department (including waiting room) are not allowed to have visitors unless deemed necessary by the care team. In any case, a designated visitor shall not exceed one (1).
- Adult patients admitted to the Hospital and Senior Life GPU are permitted one (1) designated visitor per day.
- Adult patients in outpatient areas and clinics are not permitted visitors unless deemed necessary by the care team, in any case shall not exceed one (1). This includes the waiting room area.
- Adult patients undergoing outpatient surgery may have one (1) designated visitor (the patient's designated driver) before and after surgery.
- Pediatric patients are permitted to have the same two (2) 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, unless deemed necessary by the care team. In any case shall not exceed one (1) caregiver unless during an end-of-life situation.
- 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. A chaplain visit shall not count against the designated visit.
- Other exceptions are evaluated on a case-by-case basis by a member of management.

### **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.

Visitors allowed entrance must stay in the patient's room or associated waiting room during the entirety of their visit. Approved visitors leaving the hospital are not able to re-enter the hospital until the following day unless an exception is made.

### **Visiting hours:**

Hospital:	6:00 am to 6:30 pm
Senior Life GPU:	5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

**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 of NCGH to protect the safety of our staff, patients, and other visitors

Frequent **handwashing** is required to protect our patients, employees, and visitors from the spread of germs and viruses. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this period of uncertainty.