

OB Triage, Labor and Delivery, Mother Baby Unit, NICU Visitor Policy during COVID-19

The following is to provide guidance for visitors on OB Triage (OBT), Labor and Delivery (L&D), Mother Baby Unit (MBU), Newborn ICU (NICU), Intermediate Care Nursery (ICN), and Women's Special Care (WSC). All units reserve the right to ask any visitor to leave if they are not complying with the following rules and or display symptoms of illness. If special circumstances arise, please contact the Medical Director and Unit Director of relevant units.

Visitors on L&D/OBT

- Visitors will not be allowed in OB triage
- The same visitor will be instructed to remain in the room for the duration of the admission and should avoid common areas such as cafeterias, waiting rooms, lobbies and gift shops. The same visitor should follow mother to MBU once delivered
- All patients admitted to L&D may be allowed one support person
 - If the patient's status is changed to "floor status" or no-longer at risk for delivery, the visitor will be asked to leave. If the patient's status changes at any point, the same visitor may be allowed to return to L&D
- All visitors will given one procedural mask (hospital issued)
- Visitors will answer questionair and have temperature checked by staff during each shift
 - Any visitors with symptoms will be asked to go home or sent to the RCC for testing and will not be allowed back in the unit
- Patients with an IUFD or miscarriage in OBT or L&D may have special consideration
- After delivery the visitor will be banded with second baby band
- Visitors will sign and review Visitor Agreement form
- COVID+/PUI women admitted to labor and delivery may have one visitor, however this person will then be considered a PUI and may not care for the infant a separate person may be banded with second baby band if separation scenario chosen

Visitors on MBU

- Only 1 visitor allowed on MBU
- Visitor should remain in room throughout the stay
- No switching visitors
- Visitor will wear a mask
- Baby will be tested for COVID-19 if mom is PUI or COVID 19 positive at 24hrs of life and 48hrs of life if baby still admittedIf mother is discharged before the baby, only one one vistor will be allowed at the bedside at any time.Rooming in vs. Separation for PUI/COVID + moms (mother can decide which scenario she prefers based on consultation as needed from Newborn Nursing COVID-MBU)

Rooming in Scenario:

- Family unit (mother and designated support person/partner) stays in room until discharge, not allowed to leave room
- Mother and designated visitor/partner will be required to wear a facemask at all times
- Baby will be tested for COVID 19 if mom is PUI or COVID 19 at 24hrs of life and 48hrs of life if baby still inpatient

Separation Scenario:

- Baby would be transferred to MBU and room-in with healthy caregiver
- If mom is PUI, she will be tested for COVID 19 and remain in L&D (dependent upon bed situation) until result is back
- If mother is positive, she will continue to stay on L&D or WSC until discharge (dependent upon bed situation).
- If test results are negative, can be transferred to MBU to be with baby
- Partner/support person during delivery will be considered PUI and will need to have a different healthy caregiver for newborn who has not been in close contact with them
- If you are not able to identify a healthy caregiver, you will still be able to separate from newborn. A nurse will remain with your baby at all times

Visitors on NICU/ICN

- 1 parent allowed at the bedside at a time
- Parents as only visitors with rare exception
- All parents are screened daily at the NICU doors in addition to hospital doors for symptoms of respiratory illness
- Visiting parent must wear a mask at all times (hospital issued)
- COVID + or PUI parents:
 - Will need to show results of testing/repeat testing that are negative prior to being allowed to visit the NBICU/ICN nurseries
 - No visitors for baby for at least 48hrs pending infant's swab at 24hrs of life (results also take 24hrs)

Visitors on WSC

WSC is the designated COVID-19 positive unit therefore, there will be no visitors allowed at this time.