**MGH VISITOR RESTRICTIONS**

***Starting March 1, 2021, Marion General Hospital will begin relaxing some of the temporary visitor restrictions in place at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.***

**For your safety and for the safety of patients and caregivers:**

* Visitation is permitted between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm.

o 8:00 am to 5:30 pm entry at the Main Entrance

o 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm entry at the Emergency Department

* No visitors under 18 years old are permitted at this time.
* Face masks are required at all times during your visit to an MGH facility.
* All visitors will be screened and given an identification badge to display on their upper chest. After being screened, inpatient visitors will be asked to go directly to the patient room.
* 1 or 2 visitors per patient, depending on the unit, will be allowed.
* Visitors accompanying patients may visit the cafeteria and gift shop.

**The following patient care areas may receive limited dedicated visitor(s):**

One (1) Visitor is permitted to accompany an Emergency Department patient

Two (2) Visitors are permitted for the following departments:

• Pediatrics

* Special Care Nursery
* Obstetrics
* Acute Rehab Unit (ARU)
* Surgery
* Critical Care (Non-Covid)
* Telemetry (Non-Covid)
* Medical Surgical

Marion General Hospital has taken additional steps to ensure safety for patients, visitors, and team members at each location:

* **Masks:** Providers and patient-facing team members always wear masks at every MGH facility where patient care is provided. Patients and visitors will also be required to wear masks.
* **Social distancing:** MGH supports social distancing guidelines by redesigning spaces and displaying six-foot distances wherever possible.
* **Limited waiting room time:** MGH is working to decrease (or even eliminate) the time patients spend in waiting rooms.
* **Continual disinfecting:** MGH has enhanced disinfecting procedures to ensure spaces and surfaces remain thoroughly clean throughout the day.