Requirements for Visiting Hospitals and Nursing Homes

Planning a visit to a hospital or nursing home? Here’s what you need to know. Read the full requirements.

#1 You’ll Need To Show Proof Of Vaccination Or A Negative COVID Test

Visitors to hospitals and nursing homes must show proof of vaccination for COVID-19 or a negative COVID test (taken within one day of visitation for antigen tests, and within two days of visitation for PCR tests). Some exceptions apply. Read the full requirements.

This applies to anyone more than two years old (including those who cannot be vaccinated due to age or other reasons).

Exceptions May Also Include:

- If you’re visiting someone in critical condition and death may be imminent.
- If you’re a parent/guardian of a child seeking emergency care.
- If you’re supporting a labor and delivery patient or visiting for baby bonding.
- If you’re a support person for someone with a disability who is seeking emergency care.
- If you’re supporting someone during a hospital visit for outpatient services.
- If you’re on duty as a fire, police, or ambulance worker.

#2 You’ll Need to Wear a Face Covering and Physically Distance at All Times

Visitors must wear a well-fitting face covering with good filtration (N95, KF94, KN95, or surgical masks are preferred over cloth face coverings) at all times.

Visitors must also physically distance from other patients/residents/visitors that are not part of their group at all times.

Get vaccinated or boosted today. Visit the MyTurn COVID-19 vaccine scheduling web site.

Find a COVID-19 testing site here, or call (833) 422-4255 or 211.

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