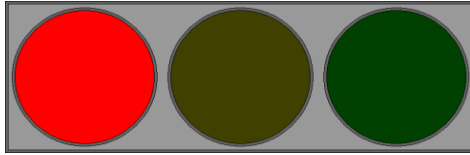


Salem Medical Center is currently at LEVEL RED for Visitation



SMC Adopts Color-Coded Visitation Requirements

Hospital visitation guidelines will now change week to week depending on the severity of COVID-19 cases at the facility. The level will be updated every Wednesday.

The New Jersey Hospital Association has created a color-coded policy to set standard safety precautions for patients, visitors and staff.

The policy deals with four areas: COVID-19 levels in the community; level of hospitalized COVID-19 patients; staffing levels; and PPE supplies. The goal is to balance visitation time with necessary safety precautions to protect patients, visitors, and staff.

Level Green — Reflects a low level of COVID-19 risk, permits hospital visitors with limits:

- No visitors allowed for COVID patients, except circumstances approved by the care team
- No visitors allowed for immunocompromised, except circumstances approved by the care team
- Other patients — One visitor per patient; must follow mask, screening and other precaution requirements
- No visitors in ED or Same Day Surgery, except for circumstances approved by care team

Level Yellow — Limits the number of visitors allowed at a time:

- No visitors allowed for COVID patients, except circumstances approved by the care team
- No visitors allowed for immunocompromised, except circumstances approved by the care team
- Other patients — one visitor at a time; must follow mask, screening and other precaution requirements
- No visitors in ED or Same Day Surgery, except for circumstances approved by care team

Level Red — No visitors allowed in the hospital, with limited exceptions:

- Exceptions may apply to pediatrics, labor and delivery, end of life, and patients with intellectual, developmental, or other cognitive disabilities
- All exceptions must be approved by the care team

The following requirements are also included in this policy. All visitors must:

- Be 18 or older, unless approved by the care team
- Wear the appropriate PPE including surgical-grade masks
- Undergo symptom and temperature checks upon entering the hospital
- Perform hand hygiene before visiting a patient

- Comply with hospital requirements to minimize the potential of spread of infection
- Must remain in the patient's room or emergency department throughout the visit, except when directed otherwise by staff