

MMH REINSTATES NO-VISITOR POLICY

With the increase in local COVID cases, Muenster Memorial Hospital is reinstating its no-visitor policy effective immediately.

Recently, the hospital had relaxed its visitation policy from no visitors to allowing patients to designate two visitors who could visit per day, provided they were not in the room at the same time and wore masks.

“We realize the importance of friends and family in the healing process,” especially for those patients who rehab with us for a number of weeks,” stated MMH CEO Brian Roland. “However, with the rise in COVID cases, we felt returning to a stricter policy was in the best interest of our patients.”

The only exceptions to the policy include end-of-life situations, patients with disabilities, impairments or emotional needs requiring special assistance, and pediatric patients.

Those coming to the hospital for outpatient tests or therapy will still be screened upon entering the hospital and required to wear masks. The FIT Center remains closed, due to the inability to maintain adequate social distancing between members and therapy patients.

Also, effective immediately, the MMH Family Health Clinic will be doing a pre-screening by phone and ushering patients directly to exam rooms, with no waiting in the lobby.

Patients are asked to remain in their cars upon arriving for appointments and call 940-759-6124 to announce their arrival. If you get a busy signal or the call is not immediately answered, patients are asked to dial the main line at 940-759-2226.

If the nurse is unable to reach patients by phone prior to their appointments, the screening will be conducted at the car. Masks are required.

“We apologize for any inconvenience these precautions may cause,” stated Roland. “But our first priority will always be safety – safety for our community, safety for our patients and safety of our staff.”

Hospital Sets Another Opportunity for COVID-19 Antibody Testing

Muenster Memorial Hospital has opened another two sessions for low-cost antibody testing next week.

Those 18 and over can receive a COVID-19 Antibody Rapid Test, by appointment only, Tuesday, July 21, or Thursday, July 23, for a \$25 donation to the Muenster Hospital Healthcare Foundation.

Testing will be conducted at the MMH Specialty Clinic, 503 North Maple Street. Masks and photo ID are required.