

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Home Visitation

Guidelines Effective: November 24 2021

Dear family and friends,

The safety and wellbeing of your loved ones is very important to us. As visitation guidelines are eased to improve the wellbeing of our patients, we ask your help to keep them safe. Here is a summary of our Visitation Guidelines in accordance with the guidance of the Fulton County Department of Health (FCBOH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

## Visitation

11:00 am – 7:00 pm\*

7 days a week

2 persons per patient at a time

\*Seeking to adherence to the Core Principles of Infection Control and to ensure the safety of our patients, we are recommending these visiting hours and limit of visitors per patient. These are recommendations and accommodations or arrangements can be and will be made as long as we can maintain the Core Principles of Infection Control as recommended by the CDC.

## Before you Visit

- ❖ We encourage family and friends to coordinate their visits to avoid conflicting visiting times.
- ❖ Visit the CDC website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html> to learn more information about preventing the spread of COVID-19 which includes:
  - ❖ Wearing a face covering over nose and mouth
  - ❖ Social distancing 6 feet
  - ❖ Hand hygiene
  - ❖ Vaccination

## Who Should NOT Visit?

- People who have a **positive viral test** for COVID-19;
- People who **have any COVID-19 signs or symptoms** (e.g., fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea);
- People who **have had close contact with someone with COVID-19** infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of the visitor's vaccination status);
- People who are **unable or unwilling to adhere to the Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Control** (outlined on this document – in accordance with CDC guidelines for nursing homes).

## Core Principles of Infection Control

Any person visiting OLPH **must adhere at all times** to the following Core Principles of COVID-19 Infection Control (consistent with CDC guidelines for nursing homes) regardless of the place where the visits are conducted.

- Visitors will be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., questions about and observations of signs or symptoms). Entry will be denied to:
  1. Visitors who have a positive viral test for COVID-19
  2. those with signs or symptoms or
  3. those who have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of the visitor's vaccination status);
- Visitors must **practice Hand Hygiene** (use of alcohol-based hand rub is preferred);
- Visitors must **use face coverings or masks (covering mouth and nose)** regardless of their vaccination status;
- Social distancing of at least six feet between persons, in accordance with CDC guidance;
- Visitors must follow the instructional signage posted throughout the facility with regards to proper infection control precautions, and other applicable facility practices (e.g., use of face covering or mask, specified entries, exits, and routes to designated areas, hand hygiene).

## What to do when you are in the Facility

- Park on the Visitors Parking on the front of the building.
- Sanitize your hands when you come in and when you leave.
- You must remain in the patient's room, or wherever visiting is taking place).
- Keep social distance from staff and other patients.
- Adhere to the Core Principles of Infection Control.
- You may use the public restrooms.



Visitors must adhere to these **Core Principles of Infection Prevention**. Otherwise, in accordance with the FCBOH Department of Health, or they may be asked to leave.