

# Ochsner Lafayette General's Current Visitor Policy (Updated July 22, 2021)

In response to a rise in COVID-19 hospitalizations and case counts, **starting at 5 a.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2021**, we will be modifying our restricted visitor policy.

Please note that, for your safety and the safety of our patients, **masking is strictly enforced for all employees, patients and guests and those unwilling to comply will be asked to leave – no exceptions**. Mask must also be worn properly, ensuring that the nose and mouth are covered continuously.

Children under two years of age are excluded from masking requirements. Visitors must be at least 12 years of age and always remain in the patient's room. Visitors are to maintain social distancing at all times, including in waiting rooms, cafeterias and other shared areas.

This policy effects all employees and visitors regardless of vaccination status in accordance with the requirements set by the Louisiana Department of Health.

Non-COVID Patient Type	Unique, Asymptomatic Visitors will have armband with date/sticker
<b>Surgery Patients</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two (2) visitors for duration of stay.</li> <li>• Visitors may or may not be able to wait in waiting areas due to social distancing limitations.</li> <li>• Visitors should leave phone # to be contacted if waiting elsewhere.</li> </ul>
<b>Inpatient Units</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two (2) visitors per patient allowed between 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>Only one (1) visitor will be allowed to stay overnight.</b></li> </ul>
<b>ED patients</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One (1) visitor who may or may not be able to wait in waiting areas due to social distancing limitations.</li> <li>• Visitor should leave phone # to be contacted if waiting in car.</li> </ul>
<b>Labor/ Delivery/ Mother/ Baby</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two (2) visitors allowed at one time.</li> <li>• One midwife, doula or birthing/Lamaze coach may be present during labor.</li> <li>• <b>Only two (2) visitors will be allowed to stay overnight.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Pediatrics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two (2) visitors per patient allowed between 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.</li> <li>• <b>Both will be allowed to stay overnight.</b></li> </ul>
<b>NICU</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two (2) visitors allowed for duration of patient's stay.</li> <li>• <b><u>No visitors are allowed</u></b> during the following hours: 6-8 a.m., 10-11 a.m. and 6-8 p.m.</li> </ul>
<b>ICU</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two (2) visitors per patient allowed <b><u>only</u></b> during ICU visiting hours.</li> <li>• ICU visiting hours are 9-10 a.m., 1-2 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. only.</li> </ul>
<b>Clinics/Outpatients/Urgent Care Centers/Lab/Diagnostics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One (1) visitor allowed.</li> </ul>
<b>COVID-19 Patients</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One (1) visitor allowed between 7 a.m. – 9 p.m.</li> <li>• Visitors must remain in the patient's room at all times, wearing appropriate PPE, which will be provided to you.</li> <li>• <b>Exceptions will be made for end of life.</b></li> </ul>

