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WMC Updates Visitation Policies

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE---As Weirton Medical Center begins the process of normalizing hospital operations, we are pleased to announce some changes in our patient visitation policy, **effective tomorrow, Thursday May 28, 2020.**

- Inpatients on Levels 5, 7, 8 are permitted one visitor per day. That visitor must be designated by the patient before the visitor's arrival and must check-in at the front desk in the hospital lobby. The visitor is required to wear a badge the duration of his/her visit and must wear a mask, either from home or one will be provided.
- Emergency patients are permitted to assign one patient support person at the time of their arrival. That person will get a visitor badge which must be visible the duration of time in Emergency Department. Visitors in Emergency Dept. must wear a mask from home or one will be provided.
- *No Change to visitation in the Obstetrics and Pediatrics Departments*
Patients are allowed one designated visitor for their entire stay. Visitors must be registered and will be provided an identification badge.
- *No Change to visitation in the Skilled Care Unit*
Unfortunately, due to state regulations, WMC is still unable to allow visitors on the Skilled Care Unit except in the instance of hospice care.
- *All visitors will continue to be screened at the main entrance and at the emergency entrance according to existing protocol.*
- All visitors must be over the age of 14.
- Designated hours of visitation for inpatient units will be 3:00 – 6:00 pm daily.