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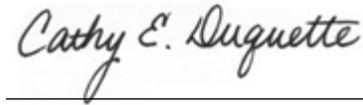
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I. PURPOSE: Due to the rapid spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) throughout the U.S. and Rhode Island state, visitation restrictions across Lifespan are necessary to protect and maintain the health and safety of our patients and staff.

II. POLICY

ALL ICU, Step-down Units (Regardless of Isolation Status) & Med/Surg Units with PUI/COVID Positive and Negative Patients:

- Imminent death is the only reason a patient will receive a visitor exception.
- Considerations will be given to visitors that are instrumental for patient care due to cognitive impairment, developmental disability, or other similar circumstances.
- A maximum of two visitors can enter the patient's room for no longer than 15-minutes.
- Visits will not occur while the patient is receiving (or 60 minutes after receiving) any aerosol generating procedures.
- Loved ones will be provided the same PPE as staff per Lifespan Infection Control's recommendations.

Emergency Departments:

- One family member is permitted during the intake process if the visitor is instrumental for patient care.
- The visitor can remain with the patient for a maximum of 15 minutes.

Labor and Delivery/Postpartum:

- One birthing partner is permitted for the patient's entire hospitalization.

Pediatrics

- Patients are permitted a total of two caregivers for the patient's entire hospitalization.
- Caregivers include parents, guardians, and/or other medical decision-makers
- Only one visitor will be allowed in the room with the patient at a time and must remain in the room.
- **If PUI/COVID Positive:**
 - The visitor will be provided the same PPE as staff per Lifespan Infection Control's recommendations and asked to wear the PPE when a healthcare worker is in the room.
 - If the patient is receiving any aerosol generating procedure, the visitor will be asked to put on the PPE and step out into the hall until 60 minutes after the procedure is complete.

Universal Visitor Screening:

- All visitors meeting criteria for visitation will be screened for symptoms (as directed by Infection Control) or potential exposure to COVID-19.
- Without exception, visitors who screen positive for any symptoms shall not be permitted to enter.
- Visitation exceptions and restrictions apply to all employees and staff.