

# New Visitor Policy to Reduce the Spread of Coronavirus

The New York State Department of Health has issued new visitation policies for hospital visitors and caregivers.

Effective March 18, 2020, all patient visitation at NYC Health + Hospitals IS SUSPENDED except:

- + When medically necessary and visitor is essential to the patient's care;
- + The visitor is a family member or legal representative of a patient in an imminent end-of-life situation; or
- + For a visitor of a woman in labor, an infant in the neonatal ICU, or a pediatric patient.

Any visitor meeting any of the above exceptions, must be screened for symptoms of cough, shortness of breath, or fever, or potential exposure to someone with COVID-19 prior to entering the hospital.

Visitors who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, or who have potentially had exposure to someone with COVID-19 will not be permitted to visit patients.

The length of the visits and number of visitors will be limited.

