

Baptist Hospital Visiting Guide

Visiting Hours

10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Visiting Clergy

We ask clergy to visit during regular visiting hours when possible, but they also can visit as the patient's needs require.

To avoid tiring patients, we ask that visitors limit the length of their visit as well as the number of people visiting at one time. To prevent disturbing the other patients, we ask that all visitors be as quiet as possible while walking in the halls or while visiting a patient in a semi-private room. If you are wearing hard-soled or high-heeled shoes, please walk quietly.

Anyone suffering from a fever, upper respiratory infection or other illness should not visit hospital patients. Instead, we encourage them to leave a note for the patient at the visitor information desk, or they can talk with the patient by telephone.

Children under the age of 12 are not allowed above the ground floor unless they are visiting the Skilled Nursing Facility, or they are brothers and sisters visiting new babies. They also can be allowed upstairs in extreme cases of critical or terminal illness. If the patient is stable and can be transported by wheelchair, it is best to arrange a visit with the child on the ground floor of the hospital. Please ask to our patient care staff if we can assist you with special needs.

Labor and Delivery Visiting

Support persons are encouraged to assist laboring moms throughout the labor and delivery process. Others can visit at the discretion of the patient, physician or nurse. Expectant families can complete a birth preference list prior to delivery to list their needs and desires regarding visitors. Siblings are welcome to visit mom as well.

Mother-Baby Unit

Visiting hours for friends and relatives of mothers and babies in private rooms are flexible and are determined by the patient and her family. Support persons, grandparents or siblings are welcome anytime.

Visiting hours for patients are from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., but exceptions can be made for families delivering during the night.

It is important that visiting children be free from fevers, colds, sore throats and other ailments, and that they have not recently been exposed (within 21 days) to chicken pox, measles, rubella or mumps. Please discuss any special arrangements you may need with the patient care staff.

Intensive Care Visiting Hours

Patients can see only two visitors at any one time. Regarding visiting privileges for children under 12 years of age, please consult with staff. Visitors are to use the intercom before entering the intensive care unit.

5:30 a.m. – 6:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The intensive care unit may be closed to visitors at any time due to an emergency within the unit.

Thank you for your cooperation at these times. We will work to accommodate alternative visiting times should this occur.

Skilled Nursing Facility Visits

Visiting hours are unlimited in the Skilled Nursing Facility, and children under 12 are permitted.

We ask that you use reasonable judgement regarding the time and length of visit as well as the number of people visiting at one time. People who should not visit include those with a fever, cold, respiratory illness, sore throat, etc., or those recently exposed (21 days) to chicken pox, measles, rubella or mumps.

Overnight Guests

Patients can sometimes benefit from having a friend or family member spend the night. Cots and linens are provided without charge to overnight guests in private rooms. Fire regulations, however, prohibit extra furniture in semi-private rooms. Please discuss your needs with the patient care staff.

Guest Trays

Guest trays are available for family members who wish to share meals with patients. When possible, please order guest trays two hours before meal time for lunch and dinner. Order breakfast the night before. The charge for guest trays is \$3 per meal. This can be paid in cash in the kitchen or added to the patient's bill for your convenience. Please call Food Services at extension #5102 to place an order, or you can ask the patient care staff to assist you.