



EMERGENCY PANDEMIC VISITOR POLICY

In order to protect patients, employees, staff volunteers and the community from potential exposure COVID-19, Cherokee Nation Health Services is updating the following emergency pandemic visitor policy effective **September 14, 2021**.

- **Visitors will be required to comply with all PPE requirements of the department or may be asked to leave the facility until they are willing to do so.**
- **No visitors will be allowed to accompany or visit patients at Cherokee Nation Health Services facilities except under the circumstances presented below:**

For W.W. Hastings Hospital

- Pediatric patients will be allowed one adult caregiver.
- Labor and Delivery patients will be allowed one adult visitor/caregiver. The designated visitor/caregiver may attend the C-section (if applicable).
- For critically ill patients, visitation will be approved by the physician team caring for the patient.
- Adult ED/UC patients will not be allowed visitors unless there are extenuating circumstances to be decided by the physician or house supervisor.
- Pediatric ED/UC patients will be allowed one adult caregiver.
- Adult ED/UC patients with special and/or functional needs will be allowed one adult caregiver.
- Drivers for surgical patients will be allowed to enter the facility only to verify presence. Drivers will have to be screened for symptoms/exposure. If symptoms/exposure are present, driver will not be allowed to participate in surgical process. Another driver will have to be arranged prior to surgery proceeding.

For all Outpatient Health Centers

- Pediatric patients will be allowed one adult caregiver. The designated caregiver must stay in the facility for the entire duration of the patient's appointment.
- Patients with special and/or functional needs will be allowed one adult caregiver. The designated caregiver must stay in the facility for the entire duration of the patient's appointment.
- Drivers for surgical patients will be allowed to enter the facility only to verify presence. Drivers will have to be screened for symptoms/exposure. If symptoms/exposure are present, driver will not be allowed to participate in surgical process. Another driver will have to be arranged prior to surgery proceeding.

For all Cherokee Nation Health Services Facilities

- All Visitors/caregivers will be screened for exposure, symptoms such as fever, cough, and/or shortness of breath. If symptoms and/or evidence of exposure are present, the visitor/caregiver will not be allowed to enter the facility.
- Visitors may be asked to undergo screening for Covid-19.
- Facility Medical Directors and/or their designee may evaluate individual visitation requests on a case by case basis.
- Pregnant patients will be allowed to have their support person (person over the age of 18) attend obstetric ultrasounds and, if desired, other prenatal visits.