

Recovery Update

June 18, 2020- 5 p.m.



Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we see patients gradually return for surgery, imaging and other important procedures, we continue to take proper precautions to keep them safe. Our new safety measures and guidelines continue to evolve to address our challenges, and we have received much positive feedback from our patients. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to their care.

We are closely monitoring the current situation as the state is reporting an increase in the total number of COVID-19 positive cases. As our recovery continues, wearing masks, maintaining social distancing and practicing good hand hygiene remain extremely important.

Visitor Guidelines and Safety Precautions

This week, we entered the first phase of our enhanced visitor guidelines. Under the new guidelines, we are allowing one adult visitor (age 18 years or older) per patient at our locations that have the space necessary to maintain social distancing. At the hospitals, visiting hours are 3 p.m.-9 p.m. One visitor may accompany patients at our outpatient locations including emergency rooms, urgent care centers and most physician offices, where space allows. All visitors will be screened and must wear the masks we provide them upon entry for the duration of their visit. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms including fever, cough or shortness of breath will not be allowed to enter our facilities as a visitor. Patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 will not be able to have visitors. Additional information about these guidelines, as well as resources for your entities, is available in our recovery playbook for leaders.

We understand how important having the support of loved ones is to our patients' care, and we will continue to monitor our progress with these guidelines and make updates as necessary.

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Travel Screening Update

Employees, volunteers, students, contractors or members of the medical staff returning from any international travel (travel anywhere outside of the U.S.), travel on cruise ships or river cruises must stay home and immediately contact Baptist Health's Occupational Health hotline at (786) 596-2345 to determine if the individual can return to work onsite at a Baptist Health facility. Employees who have traveled to countries identified by the CDC as having widespread ongoing transmission may be subject to quarantine. All employees who are allowed to return to work by Occupational Health will be required to wear a mask at all times while at work and perform daily temperature checks. If an employee who has returned to work after recent international travel or travel on cruise ships/river cruises develops symptoms, the employee must stay home and immediately call the Occupational Health hotline to report their symptoms.

Meetings and Events

We continue to limit in-person meetings and events at Baptist Health. If a meeting is required to be in person, please consider the following:

- All meeting attendees must follow social distancing requirements and wear face masks.
- Meetings should include no more than 10 individuals, unless the meeting location is able to safely accommodate larger groups while following social distancing requirements.

Thank you for everything you are doing for our patients, families and each other as we adapt and adjust to our new normal.

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