**Purpose: Limited visitation in MCH during COVID-19 pandemic to protect the health of patients, visitors, and staff.**

* For all MCH Inpatient units
  + Visitors will be screened according to the current CDC recommendations upon arrival to the unit. (see Screening protocol for Family Birthing Services and Pediatrics)
    - Visitors to L/D will be given pink badge and will be expected to stay in the patient’s room once entry is granted.
    - Visitors to NICU and PICU who will travel back and forth to patient housing will be given a purple badge which will be renewed daily after screening has occurred.
  + No one under 18 is permitted to visit unless they are the parent of a patient on one of the named units.
  + All visitors are to remain in the patient’s room, and refrain from visiting any other areas of the hospital or unit.
  + All visitors will perform proper hand hygiene upon arrival to the patient’s room
  + PPE *will not* be provided for visitors regardless of isolation status
* OB triage and Labor and Delivery
  + One identified visitor/support person is authorized to stay with the laboring mom for the duration of the stay in OB triage and Labor and Delivery.
  + Visitor/support person will be asked to leave once the patient is moved to a post-partum room
* Post-partum
  + No visitors/support persons are allowed in the post-partum rooms with the exception of pre-approved medical escorts or court appointed guardians.
    - If a patient had a visitor/support person in Labor and Delivery who lives outside of the 90 mile radius they will be allowed a room in Patient Housing while the mother is in Post-Partum.
    - A housing request must be put in for this visitor/support person and they may not leave the premises or have any other guests in Patient Housing.The visitor/support person in Patient Housing may not visit the patient in Post-Partum.
  + Relinquishment (adoption):
    - If mother *does not* desire for the infant to be in room with her, one adoptive parent may come for the duration of the infant’s hospitalization and stay in a separate post partum room with the newborn.
    - If mom desires for the infant to be in the post partum room with her until the day of relinquishment, the adoptive parent is permitted to come in on the day of discharge for discharge instructions.
    - Instruct adoptive or foster parent to enter through the ED entrance for clearance
* Inpatient Pediatrics, PICU, and NICU:
  + One parent or identified caregiver is authorized to stay in the child’s room (if possible) for the duration of the child’s admission and must stay in the room.
  + All NICU and PICU parents or caregivers will be allowed to have a room in patient housing if it is not possible to stay in the child’s room
    - A housing request form must be submitted to obtain a room. No other visitors are allowed in patient housing and visitor must not go outside of the hospital or patient housing.
      * Exception:
        + If the mother had a support person who qualified for Patient Housing while the mother was in post-partum, they will be allowed to continue to stay in Patient Housing. The support person is expected to stay in the room, will not be allowed to visit in the NICU, and have no other guests in the room.
  + Parents or caregivers are asked to minimize their movement between patient housing and the inpatient units as much as possible to decrease the amount of exposure to potentially infections individuals or surfaces.
  + Exception: Breast feeding mothers are allowed to enter and exit the unit as needed for the purpose of feeding the baby but they will be encouraged to minimize movement between housing and unit as much as possible (i.e. longer stays).
  + Expressed Breast Milk can be dropped off at the Emergency Department
    - Staff to provide mother with infant labels, bottles and caps as appropriate
    - Instruct mother to place appropriately labeled milk containers into a clean and sealed zip top bag
    - When they arrive in the ED, have them stop at the check in desk and notify the attendant that they are dropping off breast milk
    - The attendant will open a patient belonging bag up and the milk will be placed into the bag
    - The attendant will then call the NICU at 1066 who will need to send a representative to the ED check in desk and pick up the milk within 30 minutes of the call.
    - Once breast milk is in the NICU, dispose of bags, clean each bottle with appropriate wipes and place in the refrigerator or freezer as appropriate.
* OCS consultations:
  + OCS staff will coordinate with inpatient social workers to gather information about the case and to arrange a phone or Vidyo meeting with parent(s) and/or family.
  + OCS will communicate with charge RN and social worker to send appropriate paperwork related to any cases of assuming custody
  + Face to face meetings have been waived at this time
  + If foster care is needed, a foster parent will be identified and will be allowed into the unit after screening on the day of discharge for discharge teaching
  + Instruct adoptive or foster parent to enter through the ED entrance for clearance
* Mothers and Infants who are PUI or positive for COVID-19 are addressed in the “Care of the Mom-baby dyad during postpartum care for positive COVID-19 or PUI”
* Visitation exceptions *may* be made by leadership for the following circumstances:
  + - Visitation of a patient nearing at the end of life
    - Patient who is experiencing a fetal demise