

## Visitation Restrictions – Phase 2

### COVID – 19 - Maternal Child Health

In an effort to remain consistent with the Yale New Haven Health System, BH Maternal Special Care and Maternity units will align its visitation practices with these new visitor guidelines effective **Monday, August 9, 2021.**

The following ‘rules’ will guide the approach to visitors, especially second support persons, **on Labor and Delivery at BH during labor.**

- **Visitation hours: 10am – 8pm.**
- **Up to two (2) visitors per patient per day** (this includes the primary support person) and will not be allowed to switch out.
- Children (anyone 12 years of age and older) are allowed to visit, and must be accompanied by an adult. They will count as a visitor.
- Visitors and support persons, per policy, “are required to wear the appropriate mask while on hospital grounds.”
- Second visitor will not be allowed for patients with positive SARS-CoV-2 tests at admission or who have an active diagnosis of COVID-19.
- Labor and Delivery will continue to allow a 2<sup>nd</sup> labor support persons for the duration of their labor and delivery experience. This second visitor will be allowed access to L&D once the patient is admitted to a labor room and has a negative SARS-CoV-2 test.
- Second support persons will not be allowed on the labor floor for patients having planned cesarean deliveries.
- For patients in labor who require cesarean (e.g. arrest of labor, abnormal fetal heart rate, etc.), the 2<sup>nd</sup> support person will be asked to wait in the waiting room when the patient leaves her labor room and is brought to the operating room. The 2<sup>nd</sup> support person can re-enter Labor and Delivery after the patient is in the PACU and she is cleared for visitors. The second support person will leave Labor and Delivery when the patient is transferred to the Women’s Care Center. If at this time it is within the designated visiting hours, this 2<sup>nd</sup> support can become the 2<sup>nd</sup> visitor on Maternity for that day.
- The primary support person will be able to visit for the duration of the patient’s stay.

**Please note: A 2<sup>nd</sup> visitor is not permitted for COVID positive patients. The designated primary support person will be allowed to stay and cannot leave the hospital.**

We will continually evaluate things over time and your input will be critical. Please reach out to the leadership team as needed.