

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE

July 8, 2022

Vaccination Requirement for Designated Support Persons (DSPs) and Social Visitors

Effective Monday, July 11, 2022 proof of vaccination will no longer be required for DSPs and Social Visitors.

It is strongly recommended that all DSPs and Social Visitors be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines. Up to date means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses, including any booster dose(s) when eligible. Although lower vaccine effectiveness resulting in breakthrough infections has been demonstrated, vaccines have been proven to reduce the incidence of severe illness, hospitalization or death. The vaccination requirement for DSPs and Social Visitors will continue to be monitored and reinstated if necessary. Please refer to [DSP Program](#) documents.

Number of Visitors and/or DSPs Present at a Time During the IPC Orange Phase

Effective Monday, July 11, 2022, inpatients can have up to 2 DSPs and/or Visitors present at one time. Please refer to the [DSP Support Visitation Table](#).

Number of DSPs Present at a Time for Patients at End of Life – All Phases

Effective Monday, July 11, 2022, five DSPs will be permitted at one time for patients at end of life with the opportunity to grant exceptions based on a review of the patient/family's individual circumstances and physical space limitations. No limits will be placed on the number DSPs identified by each patient. Please refer to the [DSP Support Visitation Table](#).

Increased movement of Designated Support Persons on Inpatient Units

During IPC Orange Phase there are no restrictions for health care worker movement within a facility, therefore the same practice would apply to DSPs. In Orange Phase, DSPs can accompany a patient off an inpatient unit.

Recreation activities/live music on long term care (LTC) units/facilities

Recreational activities and live performers will be permitted in LTC units and facilities during the IPC Orange Phase. These activities will be organized following safe IPC practices such as; physical distancing, masking, and hand hygiene.

Please visit the [IPC Resources COVID-19 Skyline page](#) for COVID-19 information.