

A Message From Stony Brook Southampton Hospital.

Coronavirus Guidelines (COVID-19)

Stony Brook Medicine Screening Process for Patients Presenting with Symptoms

- All patients who present to the institution, both to ambulatory sites and the Emergency Department, are screened on arrival using the CDC recommendations.
- Questions include fever or symptoms of acute respiratory illness such as cough and difficulty breathing. In addition to travel history, patients are asked about exposure to known cases of COVID-19 in the last 14 days before symptom onset.
- Should a patient arrive at the hospital with cough or fever, they are directed to put on a mask before entering the ED.
- Anyone who the clinician believes is a suspected case of COVID-19 is immediately placed on respiratory isolation, and infection control and the Department of Health is contacted.
- The current protocol includes a detailed attempt to eliminate other causes of acute respiratory infection, including influenza. If another cause of symptoms is found, then appropriate care for that illness is instituted, and if appropriate, isolation discontinued. If the DOH agrees that the patient meets the criteria for a patient under investigation (PUI), specimens are obtained and sent to their lab in Albany. The current turnover time is variable, and the patient remains on isolation until the results return from their lab.
- Isolation is strictly enforced in a negative pressure room, preventing air from recirculating into the main hospital. All personnel entering the room use full PPE including N95 respirators. The CDC has guidelines to limit staff exposure to these potentially infected COVID-19 patients before test results are available.
- Nursing, physician and ancillary staff involved in the care of these patients have been trained in appropriate precautions.
- We are making contingency plans should we see a surge of patients that exceed capacity.

Updated Visitor Policy

At Stony Brook Medicine and Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, our priority is the health and safety of our patients and their families. Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19), we have revised our visitor policies for all of our locations in order to keep our patients, families and staff safe. While we understand the important role that family members and visitors play in a patient's healing process, our goal is to keep a safe environment for all. Visitors will be screened. **If you are visitor with a cough and/or temperature, you will be asked to leave.** We appreciate your support and understanding during this time.

ALL HOSPITAL VISITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW A PHOTO ID:

Adult Patients

- Visitors must be 18 years of age or older
- Only one visitor per patient at a time

Pediatric Patients

- Visitors must be 18 years of age or older
- Two visitors per pediatric patient. Parents, guardians or support person(s) only.

Labor and Delivery/Postpartum

- Visitors must be 18 years of age or older
- Two visitors are permitted per patient. Partner or support person(s) only.

Emergency Department

- One visitor permitted in adult ED patient areas at a time and, if needed, a support person.
- Only two visitors per pediatric patient is allowed in the ED. Parent, guardians, or support person(s) only

Ambulatory Surgery and Other Outpatient Locations (including Phillips Family Cancer Center, Hampton Bays, etc.):

- One adult can accompany you on your visit. Exceptions will be made for pediatric patients and others requiring an aide or additional assistance.