

NIH CC PATIENT VISITOR POLICY

Dear Patients,

I am writing to share an update to our patient visitation policy. The policy changes reflect some easing of the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States, recognizing that the pandemic is not yet over and the fact that our patients derive great benefit from the presence of family members and other care givers. Our number one priority remains protecting the health and safety of patients and their care givers, as well as that of your NIH healthcare providers.

As of Tuesday, February 21, 2023, the NIH Clinical Center (CC) will welcome visitors, provided they are able to follow our hospital requirements which include:

- Properly wearing the CC-issued medical grade mask during your visit
- Maintaining 6-foot distance
- Masks are required for adults **and** children ages 2 and over
- Infants and toddlers (under age 2) are excluded from our mask requirement

(Visitors who display symptoms during our screening process, such as a fever or cough, will not be permitted to proceed further into the NIH CC. For visitation needs that aren't specifically addressed above, please consult your primary team.)

The visitor policy changes have been made after much careful deliberation. Throughout the pandemic, we have engaged in ongoing discussions with a number of hospitals also dealing with COVID-19. This is the time to begin changing a few of the restrictive practices.

I thank you for abiding by this new visitor policy. Many of you have also cooperated with us during the time when more restrictive policies were in effect and we could not be more grateful. As always, thank you for your understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns that you wish to discuss, please contact me at James.Gilman@nih.gov

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim Gilman
NIH Clinical Center CEO

