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MEMORANDUM FOR All United States Army Medical Department Activity (MEDDAC)
Fort Campbell, KY Personnel, Patients, Visitors and Vendors

SUBJECT: Policy No. 78 – MEDDAC Visitation Policy

1. **PURPOSE.** To establish policy and procedures facilitating safe hospital operations.

2. **REFERENCES.**

a. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (n.d.). *COVID-19*.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

b. Under Secretary of Defense, Force Health Protection Guidance (Supplement 17)
Revision 1, 22 June 2021.

c. HQ 101ST Airborne Division, General Order-Fort Campbell Mask Policy, 21 May
2021.

3. **GENERAL.** Coronavirus Disease-19 (COVID-19) remains a current threat to the health and wellbeing of the American public and its communities. Continued diligence in infection prevention and control measures is paramount in fighting this pandemic. However, Blanchfield Army Community Hospital (BACH) administration and its clinic personnel understand the important role of family and support personnel plays in the maintenance of health and recovery during times of sickness, surgery and birth of a new child. Until a level of “community immunity” is achieved through high vaccination rates, patients, staff and visitors remain at risk for potentially life-threatening coronavirus infection. When implemented, the guidance provided in this policy will assist in reducing the risk of transmission of the virus in the health care setting.

4. **POLICY.** Leaders and staff at all levels are responsible for the enforcement of this policy for the wellbeing of the force, the staff, and community.

a. All personnel will enter and depart through the primary entrances and exits. All personnel, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask in accordance with the existing masking policy while in any USA MEDDAC facility. The only current exceptions for mask wear are a) children under 2 years of age, b) when alone in a room with the door closed, and c) while eating or drinking.

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b. All visitors must comply with the masking policy or they may be asked to leave the facility. In addition, visitors should frequently perform hand hygiene before and after patient contact, restroom use, or after touching high-contact surfaces.

c. Any visitor with a fever or symptoms of illness should refrain from accompanying the patient. If symptoms of illness are obvious to staff, the individual will be asked appropriate screening questions for further determination or disposition. All personnel should comply with screening questions.

d. A strict no visitation rule for patients with a diagnosed or suspected COVID-19 illness remain in effect. Alternate means of visitation is encouraged.

e. Patients undergoing a procedure that requires a responsible adult as a condition of release may have a visitor remain in the clinic/waiting room until discharge.

f. **Outpatient and Emergency Room Visitors.** Generally, children should not accompany an adult patient to a medical appointment or diagnostic testing. One adult, that is a caregiver or close patient support, may accompany the adult patient. Depending on the type of care being received, the visitor may be restricted from accompanying the patient to the exam or treatment room. One adult parent/guardian may accompany a minor dependent patient. No child may be left alone in any waiting room without proper supervision. BACH staff are not permitted to supervise unaccompanied minors.

g. Inpatient visitation is limited to two (2) persons that are symptom free of illness. Children will not be left with the patient as the primary caretaker. Generally, visitation hours are from 0800-2200. BACH observes quiet hours from 2200-0600 to preserve quality rest and healing for the hospitalized patient.

(1) Only one adult visitor may be in the patient's room after 2100 and overnight.

(2) Visitors may swap out with one another but should not congregate in the hallways or alcoves.

(3) The Behavioral Health Unit has specific visitation guidelines that must be followed for management of treatment and therapies. All visitation to the inpatient behavioral health area should be pre-arranged with the unit staff. Behavioral health patients are not permitted overnight visitors.

(4) Labor and Delivery and Post-Partum care requires special consideration. No more than two adult visitors may be in attendance at any time. The patient may have an additional person present when she has an authorized and certified Doula as part of

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her birth-plan. Siblings of the newborn may visit provide they are not ill and under the supervision of another responsible adult. To allow post-delivery mothers protected bonding time there is no visitation between 1400 and 1600 daily, enabling bonding time for birth parents.

4. The point of contact for this memorandum is the Deputy Commander for Nursing.



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