

COVID-19 Facility Protocols

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The following guidelines are to be used for UMH employees, patients, visitors, and vendors throughout the varying levels of positivity rates.

Group	Protocol	Uvalde County COVID-19 Positivity Rate		
		less than 5%	5% to 10%	greater than 10%
VISITORS	VISITORS Visitation of patients is allowed for <u>non-COVID rooms</u> . No visitors under 12 years of age.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	SUPPORT PERSON One support person is allowed throughout the patient stay.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	SCREENING Screening to be performed daily.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	MASK Visitors must wear a surgical or cloth mask upon entry and in public areas. Bandanas, gaiters, or valved masks are not allowed.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	TESTING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER SCENARIOS	ADMISSIONS TESTING All admissions, including from the Emergency Room and direct admits, will be tested for COVID-19.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	VENDORS & OTHER GUESTS All vendors, company reps, education attendees, and any other non-employees may utilize public-access areas of the hospital, including the cafeteria.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	ELECTIVE SURGERIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	EDUCATION CLASSES / TRAININGS Classes and trainings are offered, with visitor precautions applied.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

***TX House Bill 2211 In-Person Visitation with Patients During Certain Disasters:** Visitors to non-COVID rooms in Med Surg, ICU, OB / LDR, and Day Surgery will be regulated to one designated visitor who passes required health screening and adheres to PPE protocol. At the recurring order of the Chief of Staff, acting as attending provider for the facility, visitors will not be allowed in Med Surg COVID halls, ICU COVID rooms, and Emergency Department patient rooms.

****VISITOR & SUPPORT PERSON EXCEPTIONS** may be considered for special situations such as pediatrics, physical disabilities, cognitive impairments, or end-of-life patients. These persons will be screened and tested in accordance with the guidelines listed above. House Supervisors will grant these exceptions with AOC approval.

**** POSITIVITY RATE:** the Uvalde County positivity rate can be found at the following link ----->

[UVALDE COUNTY HEALTH AUTHORITY \(positivity rate\)](#)