



**For Immediate Release**

## SRMC suspends visitation

Salem, Ohio--- (March 19 2020) – Salem Regional Medical Center is suspending patient visitation indefinitely beginning Friday, March 20.

Visitors will not be permitted to enter the building as a precaution against the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). A visitation exception will be considered for special circumstances, such as end of life situations or those who are essential to the well-being and care of patients, i.e. those with significant physical or mental disabilities.

People who need access to their medical records or reach patient accounting can enter through the main lobby and will be taken to a restricted area, accessible from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. During the weekends, limited access to medical records will also be available through the same entrance. All people entering the building will be screened for respiratory illness symptoms and travel or exposure history upon entry.

SRMC has taken dramatic steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, including opening an Acute Flu and Coronavirus Clinic, establishing an information line for the Clinic at 330-332-7234 and discontinued elective surgeries.