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SALEM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER LIMITS VISITATION

Salem, OH—(October 30, 2020) -- Based on the increased spread of COVID-19 in the community, Salem Regional Medical Center (SRMC) is restricting patient visitation indefinitely, beginning Friday, October 30.

Visitors will not be permitted to enter the building as a precaution to lower the risk of transmitting the flu or 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.

“We are taking these necessary precautions to protect our patients and staff; and our visitation policies are updated to reflect national, state and regional efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19,” said Dr. Anita Hackstedde, M.D., SRMC President/CEO.

“We also understand how important our patients’ connections are to their loved ones and we encourage family members and friends to call, use FaceTime or access our Virtual Visitor technology to stay engaged and provide support during the patient’s stay.”

How SRMC is Keeping Patients Safe

-Universal Health Screening: Patients and staff undergo a health screening upon arrival which includes a thermal body temperature and screening questions to determine potential exposure to COVID-19.

-Face Coverings: SRMC requires all patients and staff to wear a face covering or mask while they are in the facility. SRMC will provide a face covering for those who do not have one.

-Frequent Sanitization: All patient care areas, waiting areas and high-touch surfaces are frequently sanitized and disinfected to help ensure a safe environment for our patients and staff. SRMC’s facility teams are putting in extra time, work and important measures to maximize cleanliness and minimize the risk of exposure to any illness.

-Social Distancing: Waiting areas and public spaces have been reconfigured to promote social distancing.

VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

Effective 10-30-20

Help prevent the spread of

COVID-19