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SRMC Suspends Inpatient Visitation

Salem, Ohio--- (August 17, 2021) – In light of the increasing number of positive COVID-19 cases across the region, Salem Regional Medical Center (SRMC) is suspending inpatient visitation beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

- **Inpatient Units:** Visitors will not be permitted on the inpatient units as a precaution to lower the risk of transmitting COVID-19 due to rising numbers of community spread. 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.

- **Outpatient Services and Emergency Department:** Patients arriving at SRMC for outpatient testing or procedures (including those seeking care in the Emergency Department) may have one support person with them while they are in the facility.

“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.”