

As the situation regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve, so does our hospital's response. In addition to measures we've taken including restricting visitors, closing common areas, and adhering diligently to state department of health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Saint Mary's Regional is taking more precautionary steps to help ensure the safety of our patients, employees and visitors.

Effective immediately, we will be limiting entry points to our facility and screening visitors, patients, vendors and all non-employees who enter the building. The following provides additional detail about both safety measures:

Screening Process: All patients, visitors, vendors or other individuals entering the facility will be screened with questions regarding respiratory symptoms, fever, and travel history, per CDC recommendations. Patients with symptoms will immediately be provided masks and managed per CDC guidelines, based on the screening.

- **Visitors may be asked to take their temperature, speak further with someone, or come back at a later date. Screening will occur upon every entry and a wrist band will be required. (We ask that visitors exit at the same point as entry.)**
- **Employees have limited entry points for screening purposes.**

These increased safety measures do NOT mean that you cannot access the hospital or your providers. Please seek medical care as needed. And if you are concerned you may be experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, call your provider in advance of going to his or her office. Of course, if you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 911 or go to the emergency room.

Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center values the trust our community places in us, and we appreciate your understanding as we shift our visitation policies during this time.