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MidState Medical Center and The Hospital of Central Connecticut implement revised temporary visitor policies and entrance access in response to COVID-19

Out of an abundance of caution, The Hospital of Central Connecticut (HOCC) and MidState Medical Center are temporarily revising their visitation policies and reducing the number of entrances, as well as implementing screening kiosks at its facilities due to COVID-19.

"The safety of our patients and staff is our top priority," said Gary Havican, president of The Hospital of Central Connecticut and MidState Medical Center. "We are implementing protocols to keep our patients, visitors, and staff as healthy as possible. All of this is being done in conjunction with CDC recommendations, as well as the Hartford HealthCare Coronavirus Task Force."

Here is what is changing at the acute-care facilities:

Visitor restrictions

- One visitor per patient is allowed
- No children under 16 years of age are permitted as visitors
- No entrance for anyone visiting our campuses for nonhospital-related services like dining permitted

Entrance access changes

To ensure all patients and visitors are properly screened, we are making changes to how our patients and visitors access our facilities.

- Patients and visitors attempting to enter any closed entrance will be routed to the main entrance
- All Emergency Department entrances will remain open 24 hours a day
- Visiting hours are from 8 am to 12 pm and 3 to 7 pm daily
- CLOSED: HOCC New Britain campus Griswold Street courtyard entrance (entrance to DaVita Kidney Care & Quest Diagnostics) – use main lobby
- CLOSED: HOCC Bradley campus south administrative entrance shared by Southington Surgery Center
- CLOSED: MidState Medical Center Medical Office Building entrance, Breast Care Center entrance, Radiation Oncology entrance, and Digestive Health entrance – use main lobby
- MODIFIED: Connecticut Orthopedic Institute entrance will be open from 5:30 am to 12:30 pm Monday to Friday – use main lobby when closed

Screenings

A brief screening will take place in all Emergency Departments and main entrances at stations managed by clinical staff and public safety. You will be asked about recent travel, symptoms, and exposures. Your temperature will be taken.

More information

As the novel coronavirus situation continues to change rapidly, Hartford HealthCare wants to provide the latest information, including dedicated coronavirus websites in English at www.hartfordhealthcare.org/coronavirus and Spanish at <https://espanol.hartfordhealthcare.org/pacientes-y-visitas/coronavirus-covid-19>.

You can get text updates by texting keyword COVID19 to 31996. In addition, we offer a 24-hour coronavirus hotline, [860.972.8100](tel:860.972.8100) or, toll-free, [833.621.0600](tel:833.621.0600).

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MidState Medical Center consistently rates among the top hospitals in Connecticut and the nation. Conveniently located just minutes off Rte. 691 in Meriden, CT, MidState offers free and safe parking, as well as private inpatient rooms. Services include the Connecticut Orthopaedic Institute, general and robotic surgery, emergency medicine, MediQuick for urgent care needs, and state-of-the-art care dedicated to weight management, cancer care, wound and hyperbarics, family birthing, maternal fetal medicine, sleep care, digestive health, pain management, neurosciences, cardiac care and more. MidState is a member of Hartford HealthCare, an integrated health system that includes hospitals, behavioral health centers, and laboratory, rehabilitation and homecare services throughout Connecticut. For more information, please visit www.midstatemedical.org; for a physician referral, call 1.855.HHC.HERE.

The Hospital of Central Connecticut is a 414-bed, 32-bassinets acute care teaching hospital with two campuses, New Britain General and Bradley Memorial in Southington. A member of Hartford HealthCare, HOCC services include emergency, inpatient, surgery, laboratory, outpatient, radiology, and wound care. Among specialty areas are cardiovascular care, metabolic health, obstetrics, oncology, orthopedics, and psychiatry/behavioral health. For more information, please visit www.thocc.org; for a physician referral, call 1.855.HHC.HERE.