

VDS VISITOR MEASURES FOR HOSPITAL AND HOMES

Pre-Visit Testing Requirements

Non-fully vaccinated visitors who are allowed under exceptional cases to visit by hospitals and Homes are required to show a negative antigen rapid test (ART) result obtained within the last 24 hours of each visit², administered or supervised by MOH-approved COVID-19 test providers (including tests performed at Combined Test Centres and Quick Test Centres). All tests are to be self-funded by the visitor.

2. Fully vaccinated or medically ineligible visitors are highly encouraged to perform a self-test prior to visiting their loved ones at the hospital. While there is no need to show proof of a negative test result prior to entry to ward/Home, visitors are encouraged to exercise social responsibility and not to visit their loved ones if they are feeling unwell.

In-person Visits at Hospitals

3. Each patient will be allowed to register up to two visitors for each admission. Patients who are critically ill will be allowed five registered visitors for each admission. To avoid crowding in the wards, two visitors will be allowed at the bedside at any one time.

4. Visitors are to abide by the hospital's visiting hours. Visitors who are approved to stay beyond the visiting hours, such as caregivers, will need to show proof of a valid ART result done within the last 24 hours. For such fully vaccinated or medically ineligible visitors, they can perform an unsupervised self-administered ART and present a time-stamped photo of the dated ART result and photo ID for verification.

5. All visitors approved to enter hospital wards must don face masks with good filtration capability at all times. These include surgical masks and reusable masks that are made of two layers of fabric. Visitors are reminded not to eat or drink in the hospital wards or use the patients' toilets in the wards. They should also avoid sitting on patients' beds.

² Persons who have recovered from COVID-19 within 180 days of their visit are exempted from the pre-visit testing requirements.



Table: Vaccination-Differentiated Measures for Hospital Visitors

	Patient is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully Vaccinated³ • Medically ineligible 	Patient is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unvaccinated • Partially vaccinated
Visitor is : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fully Vaccinated • Medically ineligible 	Visit allowed, subjected to restrictions on visitor numbers and hospital visiting hours.	No visit, unless under exceptional conditions*
Visitor is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unvaccinated • Partially vaccinated 	No visit, unless under exceptional conditions* (and if no alternative fully vaccinated caregiver for conditions ii-iv)	
<p>*Exceptional conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Patients who are in critical condition; ii. Paediatric patients; iii. Birthing/post-partum mothers; and iv. Patients requiring additional care support from caregivers. Examples include assistance of inpatients who have mental incapacities or family members who are undergoing caregiver training to better care for their loved ones after hospital discharge. 		

In-person Visits at Homes

³ An individual is considered vaccinated if he/she a) has been fully vaccinated, i.e. received the appropriate regimen of World Health Organization Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines including their respective duration post-vaccination for the vaccine to be fully effective, b) receives a booster dose at least 90 days after the last dose of a complete primary vaccination series, and c) had their vaccination records ingested in MOH's IT systems. Sinovac-CoronaVac will require a three-dose primary series regime, but all individuals who have taken two doses of Sinovac-CoronaVac should be regarded as FV for 120 days after the second dose, whichever is later. Persons who have recovered from COVID-19 before completing the vaccination regime will be considered fully vaccinated if they received a valid dose of an mRNA vaccine (or two doses of Sinovac-CoronaVac) after they have recovered from COVID-19. Please visit <https://go.gov.sg/vdsmminfo> for the most updated information on the vaccination regimens and approved vaccines recognised for eligibility for vaccination-differentiated SMMs.



6. Each fully vaccinated resident is allowed up to four designated fully vaccinated/medically ineligible visitors, with one designated visitor allowed per visit, and each visit capped at 30 minutes. Visitors should strictly adhere to prevailing safe management measures within the Homes.

7. Visits may have to be suspended if a Home is managing active COVID-19 cases. We also seek the patience and understanding of visitors that some Homes may require more time to put in place the necessary processes to facilitate visits and may start off with a smaller number of visitors to allow them to stabilise their operational processes before accommodating a larger number of visits. Visitors should continue to schedule visits with the Home ahead of time. For visits to Homes, next-of-kin of residents may approach the Home for further details.

8. The hospitals and Homes will continue to support alternative methods of communication such as through telephone or video calls for all patients/residents. MOH will also review these measures regularly in line with the evolving COVID-19 situation.