

## **Visitor Measures for Hospitals and Homes**

### In-person Visits at Hospitals

1. The following patient groups will continue to be allowed visitors on a case-by-case basis, as assessed by the hospitals:
  - a. Patients who are in critical condition;
  - b. Paediatric patients;
  - c. Birthing/post-partum mothers; and
  - d. Patients requiring additional care support from caregivers. Examples of caregivers include those providing assistance to inpatients who have mental incapacities or family members who are undergoing caregiver training to better care for their loved ones after hospital discharge.
2. The above patient groups would be allowed only one pre-designated visitor, with one visit per day. Patients who are in critical condition may be allowed up to five pre-designated visitors, with a maximum of two visitors at the patient's bedside at any one time.
3. All visitors approved to visit hospitals 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 fabrics. There must be no eating or drinking in the inpatient wards. Visitors must not use the patients' toilets in the wards and must avoid sitting on patients' beds.

### Pre-Visit Testing Requirements at Hospitals and Homes

4. Visitors who are allowed into hospitals wards and Homes on exceptional basis will need to produce a valid negative antigen rapid test (ART) result obtained within the last 24 hours of the visit. All tests are to be self-funded. This is a mandatory requirement for all visitors regardless of vaccination status, except for persons who have recovered from COVID-19 and are able to present a valid Pre-Event Test (PET) exemption notice<sup>4</sup>.
5. Fully vaccinated or medically ineligible visitors can perform an unsupervised self-administered ART or opt for an ART administered by MOH-approved COVID-19 test providers (including tests performed at Quick Test Centres) for purpose of fulfilling the pre-visit testing requirement. Fully vaccinated or medically ineligible visitors who opt to undergo unsupervised self-administered ART will be required to show evidence of a valid ART result, e.g. present a time-stamped photo of the dated ART result and photo ID for verification prior to entry.
6. Non-fully vaccinated visitors would be required to show results of ART administered or supervised by MOH-approved COVID-19 test providers (including

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<sup>4</sup> Recovered individuals (within last 180 days) can obtain a PET Exemption Notice from any clinic offering ART or Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing services.

Quick Test Centres). Results from unsupervised self-administered ART will not be accepted for this group of visitors.