



COVID-19 Emergency Rule Visitation Policy

At Hospice Austin's Christopher House we value the importance of remaining connected and present with your loved ones. In accordance with state regulations, we can welcome visitors within the following guidelines.

Visitation Minimum Requirements:

1. A patient (or their legal representative) may designate up to 2 "essential visitors."
2. Only one designated visitor may visit at a time.
3. Visitors are expected to maintain physical distance at all times in the common areas and in the presence of staff.
4. An essential visitor **must** show proof of a negative COVID test result from a test performed no more than 14 days before their first visit. Hospice Austin does not provide nor coordinate COVID testing for visitors.
5. In addition to the initial testing requirement, all visitors must pass screening upon each entry to the Hospice Austin's Christopher House in accordance with the current visitor policy, which may include temperature, health and travel screenings. At time of entry you will be asked to sign a copy of this document.
6. All visitors will self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and agree to a COVID-19 screening each shift.
7. All visitors must wear a mask that covers their mouth and nose, wear any other PPE (Personal Protective equipment) and follow infection control measures as instructed.
8. Hours of visitation entry are 8am to 8pm. Overnight visitors must check in before 8pm.
9. All visitors will use the designated entrance and exit.
10. Visitors will be escorted to the patient room on arrival and are expected to remain in the patient room.
11. An essential visitor may be asked to leave at any time in the event that any part of this policy is not followed.