

PUBLIC NOTICE



Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

“Changes to Visiting Hours and Caregivers in Response to COVID-19”

Effective immediately and until further notice, in light of the current events and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation against the threat of COVID-19, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) is taking extra precautionary and safety measures to ensure patients and staff remain healthy and protected while at the hospital. At this time, the CHCC is suspending visiting hours and caregiver's chair-side access to patients.

Patients needing special assistance

The suspension includes caregivers for patients using a wheelchair and other patients needing special assistance. Nurses will be assisting patients needing special assistance.

Patients at Dialysis Clinic

The suspension includes caregivers for patients on dialysis. To promote social-distancing, we will not be allowing more than 5 people to be in the waiting area while patient is receiving. Other visitors while a patient is in active treatment are currently not allowed, most especially for patients in isolation.

Patients admitted to Pediatric Unit

For parents of a minor admitted to the Pediatric Unit, only one (1) parent or caregiver will be allowed to stay in the room. Parent or caregiver will not be allowed to leave the room or be replaced by another person.

Patients admitted to Labor and Delivery Unit and Obstetrics Unit

We will allow the expectant mother to identify a birthing partner who can be present in the delivery room with her during labor. However, after the baby is born, the identified birthing partner will be allowed a moment of physical contact with their newborn and will need to exit the labor and delivery area immediately.

Chapel and Morgue

Only 10 family members will be allowed in the Chapel at a time.

The CHCC wants to assure families that patients are our priority. Additional nurses will assist with the care of your loved ones. To get updates regarding your family member, please call the CHCC Operator who will transfer your call to the respective Unit.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this time.

To obtain information about COVID-19, please reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1542/1672/1352/1854 These numbers are available 24/7.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis please call the Mental Health Care Line at 285-1856/1857 These numbers are available Monday to Friday 7:30AM-4:30PM.

For more information about CHCC programs, please follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at www.chcc.gov.mp or call us at (670) 234-8950.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html>

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