YUMA DISTRICT HOSPITAL
Policy and Procedure
QUALITY AND REGULATORY SERVICES

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**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

To define the COVID-19 visitor restriction guidance according to CDC and the Americans Disability Act.

**STATEMENT OF POLICY:**

Yuma District Hospital and Clinics has implemented the following guidance from the CDC and The Americans with Disabilities Act for visitation, effective June 4, 2020.

This revision to the COVID-19 Policy, shall make exceptions to the prior policy of no-visitor or limited-visitor policy for individuals with disabilities who require in-person supports, including people who are deaf, blind, and deafblind, who cannot rely on speech to communicate, who have mobility impairments, and people with psychosocial, intellectual, developmental, or cognitive disabilities who rely on in-person supports for orientation, emotional support and anxiety management, and assistance with making decisions.

Yuma District Hospital and Clinics shall ensure that people with disabilities are able to have a family member or support person with them while receiving medical care to ensure effective communication between the patient and treating medical personnel, and to help the patient with orientation, emotional self-regulation, medical decision-making, and personal care. Support persons are not considered visitors, and are considered essential for patient care, communication, and autonomy and are necessary to ensure equal access to care and treatment.

The policy includes provisions/directives for:
- Authorizing a support person to accompany, visit and stay with the individual with disabilities.
- To allow for the designation of more than one support person who may visit or stay during an individual’s stay in a facility, even if only one person is allowed at a time.
- Defining a support person as a person legally authorized to make decisions for an individual or a family member, trusted friend, personal care assistant or disability services provider.
• Informing individuals or their support person on how to request other reasonable modifications or accommodations, including access to disability-related communication supports, including interpreters, specialized assistive technology, or written materials in accessible formats.
• To allow the support person reasonable access to the restroom, food and drink.
• That address the use of cloth facemasks and personal protective equipment (PPE) for support persons consistent with hospital policies and provide guidance to a support person regarding the need for PPE and providing PPE if the hospital requires its use.
• That inform an individual on how to address complaints of violations of the policy. Please contact:

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In addition to the above, to comply with the regulation, YDHC shall

• Ensure that this policy is prominently on the facility’s website and available in different formats and languages.
• Ensure that YDHC staff, at the entrances to this facility has received training on this policy.
• All support persons shall be subject to screening for COVID 19 symptoms upon arrival at the hospital and periodically during their stay. Persons with COVID 19 symptoms can be denied access to the facility, but the facility shall find alternate methods to help ensure the individual with a disability has access to support either from another adult or though phone or video communication.
• Yuma District Hospital and Clinics shall retain the ability to put a “No Visitor” policy into place should a surge of COVID-19 positive cases present in the community.

PARTICIPANTS INVOLVED:
All Entities of Yuma District Hospital and Clinics

REGULATORY DOCUMENTS:
Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act—effective June 4, 2020  
CDC Guidance for visitation
DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

YDHC Patient Visitation Rights
YDHC Staff Training Documentation (retained in the Director of Quality and Regulatory Services office).
YDHC COVID-19 Infection Prevention Policy #8372-300