# **CORONAVI**RUS **DISEASE** (COVID-19)

# **Guidelines for Media and Advocacy Visits**



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## Guidelines for Media and Advocacy Visits

There are times when a visit from the media or a legislator may be needed. It can help show the public it is safe to resume use of our facilities as well as give legislators and community leaders a firsthand view into the ongoing struggles the health care industry faces.

#### Cases of COVID-19 in the community should be low

 Ministry must have less than100 active cases/100K in the county in which the ministry is located on daily countyspecific dashboard

#### **Screening Requirements**

- Media members, legislators and community leaders must comply with all visitor restrictions.
- All participants must follow the same requirements as all hospital visitors (temperature check, symptoms screening, mask, etc.) and be free from signs or symptoms of respiratory illness.

#### **Personal Protective Equipment and Other Guidelines**

- Limit the number of participants from the news crew or those accompanying the legislator or community leader to the minimum number possible. This also applies to ministry colleagues facilitating the visit (PR or Advocacy representative, executives, etc.).
- Participants must provide their own PPE as required or purchase PPE in line with our requirement for vendors. At a minimum, participants must wear a cotton face mask covering the entire time they are in the facility.
- At no time should participants enter a COVID-19 or PUI area.
- Keep visit as brief as possible and follow all guidelines for filming, photography and patient privacy.

### Talking points for Media and Advocacy Visitors

- Please don't enter our campus if you have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (fever, cough, or difficulty breathing), OR have had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- If you feel sick, we require that you NOT visit and reschedule.
- Do not touch your face or readjust your mask during the visit.
- Refrain from touching surfaces.

- Use proper hand hygiene (wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water or use hand sanitizer) when appropriate such as after touching a surface, accidently touching your mask, etc. You should also wash your hands or use hand sanitizer upon entrance to the facility, and when you leave.
- While on campus, keep social distancing guidelines by staying 6 feet or more from others.

