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Boone Hospital to adjust visitor policy on Tuesday, June 16

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Beginning June 16, Boone Hospital Center will begin allowing all patients to have visitors. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the hospital had implemented a no-visitor policy in late March.

All patients will be allowed one designated visitor for the day. Exceptions will include nursery and NICU patients, obstetrics patients, pediatric inpatients, and patients at end of life, who will be allowed two visitors a day.

All visitors must undergo screening, including temperature checks, before entering the hospital. Face masks must be worn at all times while in the hospital, and visitors are strongly encouraged to wear their own mask, if they have one. Visitors will also be asked to stay in the patient's room during their visit and to follow social distancing and hand hygiene guidelines.

Boone Hospital Center will continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on the patient population and community and will make further adjustments as needed.

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About Boone Hospital Center

Boone Hospital Center is a 392-bed full service hospital located in Columbia, Mo. It is a regional referral center located in the center of the state. The hospital provides progressive health care programs, services and technology to residents in 25 mid-Missouri counties. Boone Hospital Center was named the top hospital in mid-Missouri by U.S. News & World Report for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 and is designated as a Magnet® Hospital for Nursing Excellence by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.