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Boone Hospital to Allow Visitors for Patients Beginning Monday, Feb. 8

COLUMBIA, Mo. – Boone Hospital Center recognizes that receiving visitors can make a significant difference for our patients. In response to improvements in our 14-day positivity rate, Boone will implement changes to its current no-visitor policy effective on Monday, February 8.

Under this revised visitation policy, patients who are not COVID-positive may have one designated visitor per day. All visitors must be over 16 years old and will be required to undergo entry screening, wear a mask at all times, and wait in the patient's room or specially designated areas.

Exceptions to allow two designated visitors will be made for some patients, including obstetric patients, newborn and neonatal intensive care patients, and patients at end of life. To maintain a lower rate of COVID transmission, patients diagnosed as COVID-positive will remain unable to have visitors during their hospital stay.

Boone Hospital Center temporarily established a no-visitor policy in November 2020 based on significant increases in community positivity and hospitalization rates. The hospital's Incident Command Center will continue to monitor data trends to determine if additional changes are required.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and flexibility as we balance providing exceptional care with protecting our patients and staff during the pandemic.

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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 from 2015-2020 and is designated as a Magnet® Hospital for Nursing Excellence by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.