

Visitor's policy: COVID-19 positive and quarantined

OB patient's spouse/partner/support person

Policy: Marshfield Clinic Health System will make every reasonable effort to safely accommodate a support person for a mother whom is COVID-19 positive or under quarantine for COVID-19.

If we are unfortunately unable to safely accommodate a support person, every effort will be made to ensure a positive birthing experience.

Questions you may have as an OB patient:

If my support person is under quarantine, but not COVID-19 positive or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, can they be present?

Yes, we will do our best to accommodate your support person, pending they are able to pass our symptom screening and remain asymptomatic and/or COVID-19 negative.

What if my support person is symptomatic or COVID-19 positive, how can I be supported during my birthing experience?

Another support person whom is not currently COVID-19 positive or symptomatic and who is capable of passing our symptom screening will be allowed.

Can my support person leave and come back during my hospital stay once cleared?

We encourage your support person to remain bedside whenever possible. Please limit the entering and exiting of our facility as COVID-19 status may change.

If I'm COVID-19 positive or have been quarantined, but my support person is not, are they allowed to be with me during labor and delivery and after?

If you are COVID-19 positive, your support person will sign a waiver, wear personal protective equipment (PPE) and undergo education by staff. Your support person should plan to stay in your room during the hospital stay. Please speak to your nurse to explore local food service options.

Questions you may have as a spouse/partner/support person:

Should I be tested for COVID-19?

Please consult with your healthcare provider and/or local public health official for guidance on if and when testing for COVID-19 is appropriate.

How can I be there for my spouse/partner if I am not present at the hospital?

Our OB department will utilize various technology resources to best connect you and your loved one virtually during the labor process.



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