



# Memorial Medical Center

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## **Memorial Medical Center implements no visitor policy**

**Ashland, WI** – In an effort to prioritize patient safety and health, Memorial Medical Center has made the difficult decision to implement a no visitor policy to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses, including Coronavirus (COVID-19).

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, no visitors will be allowed entrance into the facility.

Exceptions include:

- For emergency and Family Birthplace patients: one healthy support person is allowed.
- For pediatric patients: one healthy caregiver is allowed.
- For vulnerable adults: one healthy caregiver is allowed, if required.

For each of the exceptions, only the same healthy visitor is allowed for the duration of the patient's stay.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and Memorial Medical Center will take additional steps to help control the spread of COVID-19 as necessary. We recognize interacting with friends and family can be helpful in the healing process and strongly encourage everyone to use other forms of support such as phone calls and video chats.

For those that have flu or cold-like symptoms, please stay home from work or school, and practice social distancing. If symptoms worsen, or you have any concerns, please call your primary care provider before visiting a doctor's office, urgent care or emergency department.

If you do not have a primary care provider, please call any of the local primary care clinics:

Essentia Clinic: (715) 685-7500

NorthLakes Clinic: (715) 685-2200

Main Street Clinic: (715) 682-5601

St. Luke's Chequamegon Clinic: (715) 685-6600

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Memorial Medical Center (MMC) is a private, not-for-profit, critical-access hospital with over 60 full-time physicians on staff. MMC is a rural facility that provides needed access to patients who might otherwise have a difficult time reaching a hospital. MMC serves as a regional medical referral center for patients from seven northwestern Wisconsin counties and the neighboring Gogebic County of Michigan, with a mission to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of the greater south shore region of Lake Superior.