

UPDATED VISITATION POLICY

NEW ZONE-STATUS RESTRICTIONS ON HOSPITAL VISITATION

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The New York State Department Health (DOH) has issued a Health Advisory that suspends visitation for hospitals and residential care facilities located in a Red Micro-Cluster Zone (“red zone”) or Orange Warning Zone (“orange zone”), as defined by DOH.

Hospitals and residential health care facilities located in “red” and “orange” zones are subject to limitations on visitation pursuant to the Cluster Action Initiative restrictions in Executive Order (EO) No. 202.68.

The visitation restrictions will remain in effect for the duration a facility remains in a designated zone. Unless superseded by this health advisory, all other DOH visitation guidance remains in effect.

Exceptions to Visitation Restrictions for Hospitals

All hospital visitation is suspended for hospitals in red zones except for the following:

- compassionate care (including end-of-life/hospice situations)
- medically or clinically necessary (i.e., visitor is essential to the care of the patient)
- accompanying a minor in a pediatric facility
- necessary legal representatives
- essential companions to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities or with cognitive impairments, including dementia.