



HEALTH ALERT

Effective Friday, July 23, visitor restrictions for Tift Regional Medical Center, Southwell Medical, and all clinics and departments of these facilities will **upgrade to Level Orange restricting visitation**. The upgrade in restrictions is in effect due to the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in our area. In most cases, this limits visitation to one visitor per patient per day with some exceptions. We ask that you review our Level Orange visitation guideline.

Southwell Facilities recognize that support from friends and family can play a positive role in the healing process. Even when you can't visit in person, we encourage you to stay connected virtually. We ask our patients and families to partner with our healthcare professionals.

For our patients who are able to communicate for themselves and make decisions, we ask that the patient contact their loved ones directly with his or her progress toward recovery. **For our patients who need assistance or cannot communicate for themselves**, our team of healthcare professionals will contact the patient's next of kin or emergency contact to give information and updates. We ask that this designated contact share the updates with other family members.


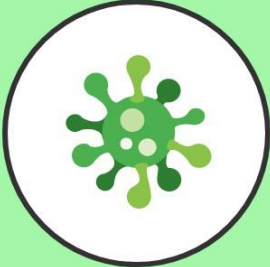

To reach a patient advocate for assistance, please call our Healthcare Concierge at **(229) 353-CARE**.


Remember:


- Socially distance.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Southwell Facilities require patients, visitors to staff to wear masks while in the facility.

To Mask or Not to Mask?

****Masks are still required in certain settings****

 <p>CDC Guidance The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says fully vaccinated individuals don't have to wear masks in certain situations.</p>	 <p>NOT SO FAST! Georgia, we're not quite done masking up. The CDC guidance is NOT INTENDED for health care facilities. The CDC states there is limited data on vaccine protection in those with impaired immune systems.</p>	 <p>#MaskUpGA in Hospitals! THAT'S WHY the CDC states that masks are still required in hospitals. Help us keep patients and hospital staff safe. #MaskUpGA in hospitals!</p>
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 **SOUTHWELL**

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Get vaccinated! Vaccinations are safe and effective.

- Free COVID-19 vaccinations are available at our WorkSmart clinic, located in Tifton at 4468 Union Road. Call 229-353-2200 to make your appointment.

Visit www.MySouthwell.com/Vaccine for more information

Tift Regional Medical Center








20th Street Entrance Hours for Visitation: Daily 10 am to 6 pm

Parking Garage Entrance Hours for Visitation: Monday - Friday 10 am to 5 pm, Weekends 10 am to noon

ICU Visitation: Daily 10 am to 6 pm

Southwell Medical

Main Entrance Hours for Visitation: 10 am to 6 pm

LEVEL ORANGE	COVID-19 POSITIVE Patients (PPE provided)	COVID-19 NEGATIVE Patients
ADULT PATIENTS		
 Hospitalized patients	No visitors	One designated visitor*
 Appointments and procedures (without a hospital stay including clinic visits)	No visitors	One visitor* Minor children of an adult patient allowed at clinic visits
 Emergency Department	No visitors	One visitor* Visitor may switch out
 Prenatal Appointments	No visitors	One visitor* Minor children of an adult patient allowed at clinic visits
 Labor and Delivery	Two designated visitors*	Two designated visitors*
PEDIATRIC PATIENTS		
 Appointments, procedures and hospitalizations	One designated parent or guardian	Two designated parents or guardians
 Emergency Department	One designated parent or guardian	One visitor* Visitors may switch out

PLEASE NOTE: A patient's provider may make compassionate exceptions, when appropriate. For patients receiving joint procedures, one designated coach may stay overnight.

* Patients may choose one individual (18 or older) to be their designated visitor. That designated visitor may visit each day during the patient's hospital stay.

If a visitation exception exists, the visitor/patient must meet the following requirements:

- The visitor remains in the patient's room for the duration of the visit except when obtaining nourishment from cafeteria.
- The patient is not a Person Under investigation (PUI) or COVID-19 positive (unless at end of life).
- Once a visitor leaves the building, he/she may not return for visitation.

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