



HEALTH ALERT

Effective Friday, January 21, 2022, visitor restrictions for Tift Regional Medical Center, Southwell Medical, and all clinics and departments of these facilities will **downgrade to Orange**. The change in visitor restrictions is made in an effort to enhance discharge planning and communication with families. We ask that you review our visitation guidelines found at www.southwell.com.

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 can 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 and staff to wear masks while in the facility.

Choosing a Mask: Dos and Donts

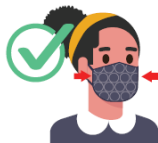
DO choose masks that



Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric



Completely cover your nose and mouth



Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps



Have a nose wire to prevent air from leaking out of the top of the mask



DO NOT choose masks that



Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl



Have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape



Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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

LEVEL ORANGE	COVID-19 POSITIVE PATIENTS (PPE provided)	COVID-19 NEGATIVE PATIENTS
ADULT PATIENTS		
Hospitalized patients	No visitors	One 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. Visitors may switch out
Prenatal Appointments	No visitors	One visitor. Minor children of an adult patient allowed at clinic visits.
Labor and Delivery	One Support Person	Two visitors. Support Person does not count as a visitor.
PEDIATRIC PATIENTS		
Appointments, procedures, and hospitalizations	One designated parent or guardian	Two 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.

The visitor(s) may visit each day during the patient's hospital stay. Once a visitor leaves the building, he/she may not return for visitation until the following day.

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).

Additional restrictions and/or different level visitation may apply to specific units, clinics or departments.

Note: Changes to Visitation Hours and Locations will be posted on entry points as needed.