



HEALTH ALERT

Effective Friday, January 7, 2022, visitor restrictions for Tift Regional Medical Center, Southwell Medical, and all clinics and departments of these facilities will **upgrade to Purple**. The upgrade in restrictions is in effect due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in our area. We ask that you review our visitation guidelines.

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 and staff to wear masks while in the facility.

Choosing a Mask: Dos and Dents

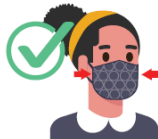
DO choose masks that



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



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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

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 PURPLE	COVID-19 POSITIVE Patients (PPE provided)	COVID-19 NEGATIVE Patients
ADULT PATIENTS		
 Hospitalized patients	No visitors	No visitors unless: • Special assistance** is required as noted by provider
 Appointments and procedures (without a hospital stay including clinic visits)	No visitors	No visitors unless: • Special assistance** is required • Patient will be under sedation • Provider has asked the patient to bring a responsible adult
 Emergency Department	No visitors	No visitors, unless special assistance** is required
 Prenatal Appointments	No visitors	No visitors
 Labor and Delivery	One visitor during labor	One visitor during labor. Support Person does not count as a visitor.
PEDIATRIC PATIENTS		
 Appointments, procedures and hospitalizations	One parent or guardian	Two parents or guardians
 Emergency Department	One parent or guardian	One parent or guardian

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

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.