Visiting Restriction Policy IC. B-5
Addendum 1
Visitation Procedure Update as of March 17, 2020

Berkshire Medical Center and Fairview Hospital have announced additional changes to visitation policies following new guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to further lower the risk of transmission of infectious disease, including the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The additional changes go into effect immediately and include:

- Hospitals must urge potential visitors to defer visitation until further notice
- Hospitals must require all approved visitors to perform hand hygiene before visiting any patient
- Visitors must always remain at least 6 feet from the patient
- Visits are limited to no more than 15 minutes (with some exceptions)
- Hospitals must screen all visitors for symptoms of a respiratory infection (fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat) and those who are symptomatic cannot be permitted to visit
- Maintain social distancing in common areas, such as Cafeterias

These guidelines from the DPH are in addition to visitation changes already enacted by BMC and Fairview, which include:

- No visitors under the age of 18
- No visitors in the Emergency Department treatment areas, one visitor allowed in the waiting area per patient
- No visitation for Medical/Surgical Units and Intensive Care
- Mother Baby Unit: One adult birth partner per patient
- Pediatric Unit: One parent per patient
- Behavioral Health: One adult visitor per patient, with exceptions and screening based on the decision of the provider
- End-of-Life Circumstances: Number of adult visitors based on specific circumstances
- No one other than the approved visitor(s) can enter the building
- No visitation if the visitor is experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms

The changes are temporary and visitation policies will be updated when the situation improves.