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Dear Visitor,

We are writing to inform you that we are re-opening the Essex County Hospital Center to allow visitors. Attached is the visitation policy that was developed in response to the current COVID-19 pandemic. As always it is our priority to protect your loved ones, our staff and all visitors to the facility. Subsequently, we have implemented a limited visitation schedule. The schedule was developed with procedures that we believe will maintain safety as a top priority. Visits will be done by appointment **only** in accordance with the schedule outlined below. All visits will be held outdoors in our courtyard, weather permitting. If there is inclement weather or the weather is questionable for the day of your visit, please contact the visit line listed below before coming to the hospital. Each visit will be approximately 20 minutes in length. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - face coverings are required to be worn at all times and social distancing must be observed during the visit.

Visits can be scheduled by calling (973)571-2990 or by mailing ESSEXVISIT@health.essexcountynj.org. Any person who arrives to this facility without a scheduled appointment will not be permitted to enter the facility.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1PM -2PM (3 slots)	1PM -2PM No Visits	1PM -2PM (3 slots)	1PM -2PM (3 slots)	1PM -2PM (3 slots)	1PM -2PM (3 slots)	1PM -2PM (3 slots)
6PM-7:30PM (4 slots)	6PM-7:30PM (4 slots)	6PM-7:30PM (4 slots)	6PM-7:30PM (4 slots)	6PM-7:30PM (4 slots)	6PM-7:30PM (4 slots)	6PM-7:30PM (4 slots)

Upon arrival to our facility, visitors will be subject to our regular entrance procedures as well as a screening that will include a temperature check and completion of a questionnaire about symptoms of and potential exposure to COVID-19. All visitors and the patients they are seeing are required to sign a document providing informed consent concerning the possible dangers of exposure to COVID-19. No more than two visitors are permitted at one time per patient. If you arrive without appropriate PPE, a surgical mask will be provided to you. We ask that you do not enter the building with any personal belongings other than identification.

Upon screening, visitation will be prohibited for anyone who:

- exhibits signs or symptoms of an infectious communicable disease;
- has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and has not yet met criteria for the discontinuation of isolation;
- has had contact with an individual with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19, or someone awaiting test results for COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

Following check in at the entrance of the facility, the Hospital Center has established a designated visiting area that will allow for social distancing and sanitization between each visit. Visitors will be escorted to the designated location

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and movement beyond that location is prohibited. No food or beverages are permitted at this time. Visitors are permitted to bring in cash for patients as well as personal care products such as shampoo, soaps (liquid only), body lotions, and toothpaste. These items will be left with security in the lobby at the start of the visit. To ensure the safety of all, the Essex County Hospital Center reserves the right to decline entrance into the facility or conclude visitation at any point.

If you are not comfortable with an in person visit, please feel free to contact your loved one's social worker and we will make every effort to arrange a visit via video conference.

Essex County Hospital Center is committed to the safety and wellness of our patients, our staff and the community. We thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation during these difficult times.

Best Regards,



Frank J. DelGaudio
Hospital Director

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