

### Visiting Hours

Tuesday – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Thursday – 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Saturday – 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Sunday – 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Visitors are limited to family, e.g. **parents, grandparents, siblings, children, in-laws, aunts/uncles, cousins, spouses, significant others (examples being fiancée/fiance, life partner, caregiver, landlord) and sole support for patients with no family. No one under 18** may visit on the unit. Visiting hours are strict because patients receive intensive treatment, which includes evening group therapy.

### Visiting Information

- **Only two visitors per visiting period are permitted.**
- Patients may receive visitors of their choice providing that the visit does not interfere with therapy, activities, or other patients.
- Children under the age of 18 must be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult, if waiting in the lobby.
- Clergy, attorneys, and mental health professionals may arrange alternate visitation times.
- Visitors must display their hand stamp when entering and exiting the hospital/unit.
- Visitors must complete and sign the visitors pass when entering and exiting the unit.
- Visitors may be required to show photo identification prior to visiting.
- Lockers are provided for items that are not permitted on the unit. Keep the key and **return the key to the locker when leaving.**
- MCES is not responsible for items left in the visitors lockers.
- Please address any concerns regarding visiting with your primary nurse, treatment team or at community meeting.
- MCES reserves the right to deny a visit pending approval of the treatment team.

### Warning

**The passage of drugs, alcohol, flammables, or implements of escape to patients in this facility and/or otherwise aiding/abetting escape is a crime that will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Persons suspected of such a crime will be detained pending arrival of police. Infractions of visiting rules or providing false information will result in the suspension of visiting privileges. Visitors also agree to a search of his/her person and/or any items brought onto the unit. MCES reserves the right to deny any visit.**

### Personal Items

- Personal property (including clothing, cigarettes, and money) is accepted between the hours of 7 AM and 7 PM daily.
- Only money brought in Monday to Friday 8 AM to 4 PM will be available to the patient the same day. It is otherwise deposited in the patient safe and made available the next business day.
- Visitors may give money directly to the persons they are visiting during regular visiting hours. We ask that the amount be limited to \$15 per day.
- No more than four (4) changes of clothing, including what the patient is wearing, are permitted. Please label all clothing with a marker or laundry tape. ***MCES is not responsible for any items lost or stolen, for items left more than 30 days after discharge, for clothing that could be damaged by washing, or for items kept by the patient.***
- Items brought in for the patients become the responsibility of the patient.
- Items brought for patients must be inspected and labeled. These items are searched in the Crisis Department prior to being sent to the unit. After visiting hours these items will be made available to the patient.
- Please understand that because of short stays, mail and parcels may not arrive before discharge.

### For Patient Safety

- Visiting Areas: Center Hall – Activities Room  
North Hall – Dining Room. **No visiting in patient rooms due to infection control and privacy issues.**
- All visitors must pass through the metal detector. Any visitor who cannot successfully pass through the metal detector may not visit.
- Visitors may not bring food or drinks into the hospital. Patients may order out and a menu will be provided from approved restaurants.
- Smoking is **not** permitted by visitors.
- Visitors should alert the reception staff if you have a contagious disease or if you have been recently exposed to such a disease.
- If the emergency/fire alarm sounds, please follow the directions of the staff.
- **Do not attempt to intervene in any problematic situations.**
- Do not disclose the presence of any client to others outside of the hospital.
- Once a visitor leaves the unit, he/she will not be permitted to return during that visiting period.
- Flowers may be brought and displayed in coated cardboard containers or baskets without wires.

### Restricted Items

- Contraband list is posted in Reception area. Copy available on request.
- No weapons or sharp objects of any kind.
- No drugs, alcohol or over-the-counter and/or prescription medications.
- No expensive clothing or valuables.
- No provocative clothing.
- No matches, lighters or flammable items.
- No cameras, tape recorders, cell phones or pagers.
- No ties or belts.
- No tobacco products are permitted for patients under age 18 by penalty of law (PA ACT #7 of 1990).