BID Needham welcomes visitors to our hospital; visitation is an important part of our patients’ experience.

To keep you, your loved one and our staff safe, it is necessary to follow the below guidelines. Given the nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, this policy is subject to change.

**VISITOR GUIDELINES FOR YOUR SAFETY**

One visitor per patient is welcomed for a one-hour visit during the hours of 12:00 pm–8:00 pm.

- If patient care needs emerge, you may be asked to end your visit.

All visitors will be screened for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 at the entrance to the hospital; if you screen positive, you will not be permitted to enter the hospital.

*Turn over for more guidelines*
Wear a mask
You will be given a hospital-supplied surgical mask upon entering the hospital. Only a hospital-issued mask will be allowed during your visit.
• The mask must be worn at all times for the duration of the visit, covering the nose and mouth, and disposed of once you are outside of the hospital.

Hand hygiene
Clean your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer upon entering the hospital and before entering and after visiting the patient’s room.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) such as mask, gloves, gown
• If you are visiting a patient who is COVID-positive, the nursing staff will assist you with PPE.
• You must keep on all PPE while inside the patient’s room.
• Gloves and gown must be taken off before you exit the room. Please leave your mask on until you exit the hospital.

After your visit
• Please exit the hospital immediately.
• The cafeteria and all other areas of the hospital are currently not available to serve visitors.

Thank you for helping to keep our patients, staff and other visitors safe. We will continue to reassess these temporary policies.