

safe PATIENT CARE



The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is a serious and ever-changing situation around the world. Please know that patient and staff safety is our highest priority.

As health care professionals, all Ernest Health facilities will continue to follow all infection control guidelines established by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), as well as any enhanced precautionary measures implemented by Ernest Health.



Facility Cleanliness

- We are being extra vigilant on disinfecting all surfaces, paying extra attention to high touch surfaces with multiple cleanings per shift using hospital grade disinfectants that kill a broad spectrum of microorganisms.

Handwashing

- We maintain universal precautions to include frequent handwashing.

Employee Screening

- Each employee is screened at the beginning of each shift with a temperature and questionnaire in an entrance location.

Patient Screening

- Each potential patient screened prior to being admitted to our hospital.

Social Distancing.

- Both patients and employees practice social distancing of at least 6 feet. We maintain distance spacing in therapy thru careful use of equipment and modification of schedules. Utilizing other treatment areas as available.

Visitation

- We have decided to restrict visitation until further notice for the protection of our patients, employees and our community.

Communication

- Communication with family members via telephone, Skype, Facetime and Zoom in lieu of visitation.

Patient Meals

- For those patients not at risk for aspiration, will be served meals in their rooms. For those at risk of aspiration, they will go to Diners Club for supervision and allow for distanced spacing.