Southeast Georgia Health System Updates
Visitation Policy Due to COVID-19

BRUNSWICK, Georgia: March 14, 2020 – In light of the national and state public health emergency related to COVID-19, Southeast Georgia Health System is taking extra precautions in an effort to minimize the spread of the illness in the community. Beginning the morning of Monday, March 16, 2020, the Health System will institute more stringent visitation restrictions at all hospital locations as follows:

- Visitation hours will now be from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Each patient will be allowed one visitor at a time.
- Visitors must be 18 years of age or older.
- Visitors may be asked to submit to a brief health screening to ensure they do not have coronavirus symptoms. Any visitor who shows signs of illness will be asked to kindly leave.

The Health System will also discontinue accepting flower and gift deliveries. Visitors should take flowers to patients themselves or schedule deliveries to patient homes.

“We understand the importance of family and friends being able to visit loved ones during their hospital stay,” says Michael D. Scherneck, president and chief executive officer, Southeast Georgia Health System. “However, the current circumstances surrounding the coronavirus require us to temporarily adjust our Visitation Policy in order to prevent potential exposure. I would like to thank the members of our community for their understanding and for adhering to this policy to help us keep our patients, their family members, and our team members protected and healthy during this time.”

Updated information on Southeast Georgia Health System’s response to coronavirus is available at sghs.org/About-Us/News-Publications/News-Alerts/Coronavirus.

ABOUT SOUTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM
Southeast Georgia Health System is a not-for-profit health system comprised of two acute care hospitals, two long term care facilities, two comprehensive Cancer Care Centers and multiple specialty care centers, including orthopaedic and spine care, joint replacement, breast care, maternity, outpatient rehabilitation, sleep management and wound care. The Brunswick Campus Cancer Care Center is accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and offers the only CyberKnife® M6 with MLC technology in Georgia. Additionally, the Southeast Georgia Physician Associates medical group includes more than 140 providers working in 20 different medical specialties at more than 50 locations. The Health System is part of Coastal Community Health, a regional affiliation between Baptist Health and Southeast Georgia Health System forming a highly integrated hospital network focused on significant initiatives designed to enhance the quality and value of care provided to our contiguous communities. For more information, visit sghs.org.

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