



**Gosnell Memorial Hospice House COVID-19 Visitation Policy**  
11 Hunnewell Road, Scarborough, ME 04074

To protect the safety of our employees, volunteers, patients, and visitors, Hospice of Southern Maine has implemented visitation protocols for all visitors to the Gosnell Memorial Hospice House. We understand that visitation restrictions can make a difficult moment even more challenging for patients and their loved ones. However, our COVID-19 Visitation Policy allows us to continue some level of visitation while adhering to U.S. CDC guidelines, Maine CDC recommendations, and Governor Mills' Executive Orders, and we appreciate your cooperation in following them. Below is a summary of our current visitation rules which are based on principles of social distancing and infection prevention during the COVID-19 pandemic.

All individuals on Gosnell property must abide by physical distancing rules as outlined in Governor Mills' Executive Order, including but not limited to masking while in public spaces and maintaining at least 6 feet between people who do not share a household.

**Visitation is limited to 2 visitors at a time with a maximum of 4 visitors total (same 4 visitors) within each 24-hour period.** Upon arriving at Gosnell, visitors will remain in the vestibule and ring the buzzer to be screened for entry every day that they visit using the following screening questions:

1. Do you or a member of your household currently have or are you/they being tested for COVID-19?
2. Have you been anywhere outside of the State of Maine *except* New Hampshire or Vermont in the past 14 days?
3. In the past 14 days, have you or a member of your household had close contact with a person known to have or who is under investigation for COVID-19?
4. In the past 14 days, have you had, or do you currently have, a fever or symptoms of a lower respiratory illness such as cough or shortness of breath?

Entry will be denied, at least conditionally, if the visitor answers Yes to any of the screening questions. Those who are restricted from entering the building based on the Governor's executive order related to travel will be restricted from entering the Gosnell House unless or until the individual provides HSM with proof of a negative result from a COVID-19 test performed within 72 hours of entry to Maine or at any time during their 14-day quarantine period. Upon receipt of proof of the negative test result, they will be permitted entry to Gosnell provided they are able to answer No to all other screening questions. Please note, daily screenings will continue for each visitation day and entry will be denied for any new Yes responses.

As a condition of permission to visit, each allowed visitor must have their temperature taken at the Temp Check Station upon first entry to Gosnell, and once per day thereafter. Anyone with a current temperature reading of 100°F or greater will not be allowed entry to Gosnell.

**If entry is granted,** visitors will be advised upon entry of our visitor policy:

- There is no limit on the number of times each approved visitor may leave or enter the building.
- Visitors must coordinate with each other to uphold the 2 at a time maximum at all times.
- Visitors must agree to remain in the patient room while inside the building; no gathering in hallways or common spaces currently closed to the public as indicated by signage.
- Each visitor must be observed washing their hands at the kitchen sink upon entry to Gosnell.
- Visitors must remain 6 feet from HSM employees at all times, even while wearing a mask.
- Visitors are asked to wear their own facemask or face covering while in the building.
  - If a visitor does not have their own, HSM will provide the visitor with one washable, reusable cloth face covering (standardized facemasks may be reserved for employees and volunteers).
  - Please note that wearing a face mask or face covering is not a replacement for physical distancing.

- Animals are not allowed inside the building at any time, until further notice.

We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to these measures and understand they may cause distress. Please know that the safety of our employees, volunteers, patients, and visitors is our top priority.

*This sign is posted on the interior vestibule doors at Gosnell Memorial Hospice House:*

