



Office of the Chief Executive Officer  
Saint Elizabeths Hospital

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**TO:** All Stakeholders

**FROM:** Mark J. Chastang  
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Saint Elizabeths Hospital

**SUBJECT:** Suspension of on-site visitation at Saint Elizabeths Hospital

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Saint Elizabeths Hospital is taking precautions to provide the safest environment possible for individuals in care, staff and visitors. We are reinforcing healthy hand hygiene and informing staff and patients on how to recognize symptoms as well as providing additional hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, masks, and gloves throughout the hospital. The most up to date coronavirus (COVID-19) notices from DC Health and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) are posted throughout the hospital, at public entrances and on the Hospital intranet. We are also talking about our prevention plan during unit community meetings and at all staff meetings.

**Effective immediately, on-site visitation by family members, guardians and friends has been suspended. On-site visitation will resume as soon as it is safe to do so. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Telephone communication with individuals in care remains available.**

We are working diligently to mitigate the risk coronavirus (COVID-19) at Saint Elizabeths Hospital. If there are any major updates to infection control and prevention at the hospital, they will be communicated to you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the treatment team at (202) 299-5100.

For more information and resources, please visit [coronavirus.dc.gov](https://coronavirus.dc.gov).