
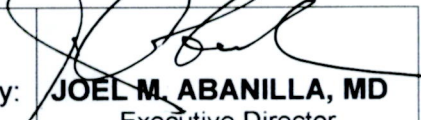

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REVISION HISTORY			
Rev No.	Review Date	Description of Change	Date of Next Review
1	August 17, 2020	Added "dedicated" companion and removed the word substitute companion in item number 3. Added Intensive Care Units Added item number 10	July 2022
2	April 4, 2021	Added antigen testing for authorized companion Limited to 1 companion for special cases (both for senior and pediatric patients) Removed PICU companion	July 2022

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I. STATEMENT OF THE POLICY

This policy shall guide the healthcare workers, admitting section and security personnel in controlling the number of patient's companion to further prevent the spread of COVID-19 disease.

II. GUIDELINES

1. Philippine Heart Center will be limiting the number of people inside the hospital. **NO** companions will be allowed except if:
 - 1.1 Patient is a senior
 - 1.2 Patient is a pediatric
 - 1.3 With special needs

1.4 *Only ONE authorized companion will be allowed for such cases. Antigen Testing will be done charged to the patient.

2. Authorized companion shall accomplish a Health Declaration Form prior to admission of his/her patient, at the entrance of the hospital building. This shall be presented to the Admitting Section. They may be allowed to enter the hospital premises if there are no findings pertaining to COVID 19 disease and if with antigen negative result.
3. Authorized companion will not be allowed to go in and out of the hospital. He/she must stay with the patient for the entire hospitalization to prevent unnecessary exposure to the community.
4. For COVID-19 Units, Intensive Care Units and Adult/Pediatric Service Units, companion shall **NOT** be allowed inside the room.
5. The companion shall register at the admitting section for the purpose of documentation and issuance of ID card. The ID card shall be worn at all times.
6. The admitting section shall issue a daily list of admitted patients and their companion to the hospital lobby security guard-on-duty for their reference.
7. The companion shall accomplish daily symptom monitoring form at the ward during their stay in PHC. The unit safety coordinator/Ward personnel shall make the monitoring to ensure these forms are regularly accomplished.
8. If there is any development of signs and symptoms of COVID 19 disease, the companion shall be immediately sent to COVID 19 ER for evaluation. A clearance must be provided prior to allowing the companion to enter the hospital premises.
9. "Visiting time" is temporarily suspended.
10. Any concerns not included in this guideline must be referred to the Incident Command Post for disposition.