

Inpatient Screenings During Covid-19 Pandemic

At MUSC Children's Health our main goal is the safety of our patients, families and care team members. We are testing all patients for COVID-19 in response to the Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic.



A care team member will ask about any symptoms you/your child may have.



A nurse who will administer the test will be in the room in a face mask, shield, gown and gloves.



A swab is placed inside the patient's nose for the test.

You/Your child will be moved to a unit that is trained to care for COVID positive patients.



Our Steps to Protect You COVID-19 Special Unit



Visitation

We will limit the amount of people and number of times care team members come into your/your child's room, but please call us if you need something. Most rooms in the hospital offer large TV screens for virtual visits with family and friends. Visit musckids.org for video instructions.



Personal Protective Equipment

The nurse will teach you what personal protective equipment (PPE) to wear and how to wear it. We ask you to wear PPE at all times, except when you are sleeping.



Hygiene

Please wash your hands or use hand gel every hour while you are in the room and awake. When you are ready to go to sleep, ask the nurses to help you properly remove the PPE. Each day, you will put on clean clothes and new PPE before caring for your child. If your room does not have a shower, you will schedule a shower with the unit staff.

Public Spaces

Please stay out of public spaces, including the cafeteria, atrium, chapel, and waiting areas. You may pass through the lobby but are asked not to stay in the lobby. Staff will bring items (clean clothes, food, etc.) to the parent/caregiver. Caregivers who need a break from their child's room may go outside or should consider leaving the hospital to go home for a period of time if possible.