



March 13, 2020

Dear Tulane Health System colleagues,

Yesterday, the Louisiana Department of Health issued a notice prohibiting any non-essential visitors in all licensed healthcare facilities in the state. This policy is effective immediately in all Tulane Health System facilities.

Only visitors deemed necessary to the patient's care and well-being are permitted to enter our facilities, and all such visitors must be screened. Our screeners have been given examples of visitors who meet this criteria, and each situation will be critically evaluated.

We have also created an internal, intranet COVID-19 resource for Tulane Health System staff, which can be found by clicking [here](#) clicking the link at the top of the intranet home page. We will post frequently asked questions, useful documents and other important information here so all colleagues can access it at any time. There is also a function to email your questions about COVID-19 to help us craft updates to the FAQs.

Our visitor's policy is another proactive step we and other healthcare leaders throughout the state are taking to help curb the spread of COVID-19 and keep our patients, visitors and colleagues safe. We have had additional patients test presumptively positive for COVID-19, and we expect that number to increase, both within Tulane Health System and throughout the region.

However, we remain confident that the precautions and preparations we've implemented – and, more importantly, the expertise, skill and compassion of our care teams – is up to the task before us. Thank you for your continued hard work and vigilance.

Sincerely,
Dr. Bob Lynch
CEO
Tulane Health System