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COVID-19 Visitor Accompanying Patient Policy

(To Our Valued Patients and Their Families:)

Due to the recent and rapid increases in COVID-19 cases in our community, as well as Governor Inslee's new restrictions,

Beginning immediately, Liver Institute Northwest is imposing restrictions on visitors accompanying patients for your safety and the safety of our employees.

The decision to restrict visitation is difficult and made only after careful consideration. We also recognize that there are times when having a visitor or family member present is crucial.

Accompanying visitors will be allowed based on the following exceptions:

- Patients who are under the age of 18 may have 1 adult accompany them.
- Patients who need a caregiver for safety because of disability such as blindness and/or hearing loss may have 1 adult accompanying them.
- Patients may have a home caregiver who needs to be trained.
- Community-based care providers who are involved in the care of the patient for support and care continuity.
- Children under the age of 12 will not be allowed except under extraordinary circumstances

Please note that all allowed visitors to Liver Institute Northwest will be subject to the following additional restrictions:

- Visitors cannot have tested positive or been in contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14 days.
- Visitors cannot have traveled outside of Washington State within the last 14 days.
- Visitors will only be allowed if they do not have symptoms of COVID-19: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.
- Inside the Liver Institute Northwest clinic, patients and visitors must follow masking requirements and cannot consume food or beverages during their visit, including the waiting room.

We appreciate your understanding during these difficult times. Our goal is to protect you, your family and friends, and our staff. We look forward to resuming visitation when COVID-19 is no longer a threat to the health of our community.

Sincerely,

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