

# An Important Message From Jones Memorial Hospital for Expecting Moms & Their Families

**G**iven the extreme public health risks surrounding COVID-19, and in accordance with the Allegany County Department of Public Health, we have taken the difficult and unprecedented action of eliminating most hospital visitors to prevent potential spread of this virus, until further notice.

We greatly understand the desire to be with loved ones—particularly new moms and infants—and the therapeutic benefits a loved one's presence brings during delivery. Therefore we will be permitting one support person for every patient in labor.

Please carefully read the detailed guidelines below so that we may help ensure the safety of our patients, their family members, and our dedicated staff. If any support person does not strictly follow these safety precautions, we will have no choice but to have them removed from the hospital premises.



## **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR PATIENTS IN LABOR:**

- **One support person is permitted to be present during your labor, and throughout the post-partum period until discharge. The support person will be required to wear a mask throughout the stay.**
- **Once the support person arrives on the unit, they will be screened for symptoms twice a day, including temperature. Those with symptoms will be asked to leave the hospital.**
- **The support person MUST remain with their patient continually and cannot leave the patient's room. Guest food trays will be provided at no charge upon request.**
- **Please note, there will be NO exceptions – this includes leaving to smoke.**
- **Please bring all items you will need for your stay, this includes essential medications or nicotine patches.**
- **Personal technology needed to communicate with family and friends during this happy time, including chargers.**
- **All items you will need for baby including car seat.**
- **Any snacks or special foods or drinks you may need for your stay.**
- **Any other item you may deem essential to meet your daily needs.**