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MDH Guidance to Support Hospital Patients with Disabilities and Pediatric Patients

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has issued guidance to remind licensed Minnesota hospitals of their obligations to patients with disabilities, as well as to pediatric patients and other people who may enter their facility to support a child or a person with a disability. During this COVID-19 public health emergency, hospitals are expected to continue to make reasonable accommodations to their policies and practices in order to comply with anti-discrimination laws.

An area of particular concern is the ability of patients with disabilities and pediatric patients to have access to their support system or parents/legal guardians while hospitalized.

In response to these concerns, MDH has asked all licensed Minnesota hospitals to adopt visitation policies that recognize the needs of people with disabilities and pediatric patients.

For more information, see the [MDH guidance to support hospital patients of all ages with disabilities \(PDF\)](#).