



## NEWS RELEASE

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## **Surge in COVID cases forces AnMed Health to discourage visitation**

*(Anderson, S.C. – Dec. 30, 2020)* – Beginning Wednesday, December 30, AnMed Health is discouraging the visitation of patients. We are asking for visitation only if necessary. We understand the desire to support and spend time with loved ones in the hospital. However, the surge in COVID-19 cases has led to the need to reduce visitation for the safety of our patients, staff and community.

The spike in COVID-19 cases has also forced us to implement a policy of no visitors or support person with Emergency Department patients.

To ensure the safety of patients, staff and community, COVID-19 positive patients will be allowed a support person in end-of-life circumstances. The support person must remain in the patient's room and wear a mask to protect the patient and the staff from outside exposure.

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