

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Silver Hill Hospital has incorporated guidance from the CDC and state and local authorities to maintain a safe environment for our patients and staff. We continue to follow these guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19, to provide the highest quality of care and optimal experience for our patients.

Prior to their arrival at Silver Hill, patients are strongly encouraged to be up to date (fully vaccinated and boosted) on COVID-19 vaccines. This is the best way to protect themselves and others as the virus persists. Although patients are strongly encouraged to be up to date, we do not want to delay access to care for patients in crisis, so we do not require for patients to be vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to admission. During the admissions process all patients are tested for the active Covid-19 virus. Implementing these preadmission protocols, strict cleaning, masking, and programming policies, minimizes the risk of the virus coming to or spreading on the campus. However, because of the endemic nature of the virus, Silver Hill cannot guarantee patients will not be exposed during their stay.

If exposed, patients who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations and fully boosted, **may not** have to quarantine if they are asymptomatic. These patients would be tested five days after close contact and monitored for 10 days. A patient who is not up to date with vaccinations and boosters, must quarantine for at least five days and wear a well-fitting mask when around others, be tested five days after close contact and monitored for 10 days.

Any patient who tests positive for COVID, regardless of vaccination status, will need to be quarantined for five days and wear a well-fitting mask when around others. The quarantine will be discontinued after five full days if fever-free for 24 hours and symptoms are improving. A quarantine, according to the CDC, is defined as separating people and having them stay apart as much as possible, or masking when this is not possible.

Please be advised that Silver Hill Hospital may adjust programming and other operations at any time to continue to comply with health and safety requirements. Patients that have not been vaccinated against COVID-19 will only be permitted off-campus for medically necessary appointments. We require all visitors to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

We are happy to answer any questions regarding our current safety operations and policies. In addition, our admissions team is available to answer any questions.