Mission Health activates additional visitor precautions

ASHEVILLE – March 4, 2020 As always Mission Health is working continually to help ensure we remain a safe place to work and provide care. At this time, we currently have no confirmed cases of Coronavirus (covid-19) at any Mission Health facility.

To protect our patients and staff, Mission Health is actively reducing visitors to Mission Hospital in a variety of ways:

- We are screening all patients and visitors upon entering Mission Hospital
- We will be limiting access to Mission Hospital beginning at 7 pm (instead of the usual 9 pm) until to 5 am daily
- During limited access, patients and visitors will need to use either Entrance 1 or 4
- From 5 am to 7 pm the following entrances will be open: Entrances 1, 2, 4, 9 and 10
- Recommending no visitors younger than 12

These updates are meant to keep our colleagues, patients and visitors healthy and reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus. Screenings and access restrictions are also in place at all Mission Health regional hospitals and CarePartners. We want to ensure that we remain a continual resource for the communities we serve and are committed to delivering the most effective care with the best possible results.

- As a reminder to protect yourself and prevent the spread of illnesses:
  - Avoid close contact with people who are sick
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
  - Stay home when you are ill
  - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue
  - Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands often, using either soap and water or alcohol-based hand gel for at least 20 seconds
  - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

ABOUT MISSION HEALTH
Mission Health, an operating division of HCA Healthcare, is based in Asheville, North Carolina, and is the state’s sixth largest health system. In 2018, for the sixth time in the past seven years, Mission Health has been named one of the nation’s Top 15 Health Systems by IBM Watson Health (formerly Truven Health Analytics). Mission Health is the only health system in North Carolina to achieve this recognition. Mission Health operates six hospitals, numerous outpatient and surgery centers, post-acute care provider CarePartners, long-term acute care provider Asheville Specialty Hospital and the region’s only dedicated Level II trauma center. With approximately 12,000 colleagues and 2,000 volunteers, Mission Health is dedicated to improving
the health and wellness of the people of western North Carolina. For more information, please visit missionhealth.org or @MissionHealthNC.