

## **Summit Pacific Reinstitutes Visitor Restrictions**

(ELMA, WA) – Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases, Summit Pacific is taking extra steps to protect our patients, staff, visitors and the community. As a result, a no-visitors policy will be in place as of Aug. 24, until further notice. This means no visitors, with limited exceptions for special circumstances. Our care team will communicate with a family member or friend, as designated by the patient and family, to help inform care as needed.

- Emergency Department: Visitors allowed if essential to care.
- Inpatient Unit: No visitors allowed. Visitation for our end-of-life care patients is evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Clinics: Only essential caregivers may attend visits.

The decision to restrict visitors was difficult and made only after careful consideration. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and your help in keeping our community healthy and safe.

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Summit Pacific's vision is "Through Summit Care, we will build the healthiest community in the Nation." We passionately provide essential healthcare to all individuals of our community with an emphasis on quality, access and compassion. Summit Pacific operates a Level IV Critical Access Hospital with 24-hour emergency services, rural healthcare clinics, an urgent care clinic and offers physical and occupational therapy, laboratory services, diagnostic imaging, a swing bed program and more. To learn more about Summit Pacific, visit <u>www.sp-mc.org</u>.