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Vendors:

Effective immediately, non-essential vendor visitor restrictions are being implemented. This means non-essential vendors will not be permitted at Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital, Big Sky Medical Center and all other Bozeman Health care sites due to the COVID-19 precautions:

- "Non-essential vendor" means an individual or group that provides a service to BH that **is not** critical to maintain operations, i.e. flower delivery, pet therapy, music therapy, food delivery, and consulting services
- "Essential vendor" means an individual or group that provides a service to BH that **is** considered critical to maintain operations, i.e. construction, food delivery to support nutritional services, laundry, courier, patient transport, cleaning, supply and medication delivery services.
- Essential Vendors with symptoms of respiratory illness/infection (cough, runny or stuffed nose) or fever, are prohibited from entering the facility.

For vendors conducting business with Bozeman Health:

- If you are sick (fever, cough, or sore throat), please do not present to Bozeman Health, and do not enter the care site or clinic except to seek care for yourself.

Bozeman Health providers, nurses, employees, and leaders are critical to the community effort to identify and care for patients, track and analyze the spread of disease, and establish protocols and procedures to protect our workforce and patients from exposure to COVID-19.

Social distancing as defined by the CDC "means remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet or 2 meters) from others when possible" and implementing these restrictions are meant to continue to ensure our employees are healthy and able to care for our community as part of our commitment to zero harm and our mission of improving community health and quality of life.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we care for our patients and work to help keep our community healthy.

Best,

Bozeman Health