

# INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

## PRIVATE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (ICU) WAITING ROOM USE GUIDELINES

The private ICU waiting rooms were generously funded by the McLaren Northern Michigan Foundation. The intent is to have a quiet, private place for families to gather when a loved one is in critical condition in the ICU.

### WHO CAN USE THESE ROOMS?

Families and support people of patients who are critically ill in the ICU. Use of the rooms will be determined and evaluated daily by the care team, on a case-by-case basis. Normal ICU visitor guidelines apply.

### HOW CAN I USE THE ROOM?

Speak to ICU staff before using a room. When given permission, a McLaren staff member will assign a room number to you. It will remain unlocked for the duration of use.

### WHEN CAN FAMILIES BE IN THE ROOMS?

Rooms can be used during normal visiting hours, 8 am - to 9 pm. Sometimes visitors are allowed to use the rooms outside of normal visiting hours. The ICU care team makes this decision based on the ICU patient's status. Visiting restrictions are subject to change based on the most recent COVID/infectious disease guidelines in place according to hospital policy.

### RULES FOR USING THE PRIVATE WAITING ROOMS

- Only one room per patient's family is allowed. This allows us to extend the same courtesy to more than one family at a time.
- Our hospital security team will make rounds in rooms when in use.
- Follow rules for wearing personal protective equipment (masks) according to hospital policy if applicable.
- Clean up all trash and place it in the waste baskets. Please let staff know if room needs to be cleaned by a member of our environmental services team.
- Do not leave items of value in the rooms. McLaren Northern Michigan is not responsible for any items missing from rooms.
- Be mindful of noise level if multiple people are in the room at one time.
- The private waiting rooms are available only to family members of patients who are currently in the ICU.
- Personal cooking appliances are strictly prohibited including, but not limited to, toasters, toaster ovens, space heaters, electric fry pans, woks, griddles, hotplates, crockpots, popcorn makers, and sternos.