



FAQs about Hope Lodge Admissions

Who Can Stay?

- Adult cancer patients (18 and over) who
 - are in active cancer treatment with accepted protocols: chemotherapy, radiation, BMT, clinical trials, surgical, and reconstructive
 - can take care of their own personal living needs
 - have an adult caregiver who can stay with and assist them in the Lodge and
 - can provide a) proof of having completed their COVID-19 vaccination at least 14-days prior to entering the lodge, OR b) proof of a negative viral COVID-19 test not more than 48 hours prior to arrival
- Adult Caregiver(s) of cancer patients (18 and over) who
 - can care for the physical and personal living needs of the patient, as well as their own
 - can provide a) proof of having completed their COVID-19 vaccination at least 14-days prior to entering the lodge, OR b) proof of a negative viral COVID-19 test not more than 48 hours prior to arrival
- Guests must be free of any communicable diseases and determined as non-infectious by treating physician. (*see below*)
- Guests must disclose any criminal history and a background check may be required for admission.

What is the Room Request Process?

- Medical Staff thoroughly complete a "Lodging Request Form" and email or fax to Hope Lodge. Lodging is granted based on availability, treatment start date, and date of request.
 - *Please Note: A Request Form is not a guarantee of admission*
- Hope Lodge Staff contacts all potential Guests (patient and caregiver) prior to admission to determine eligibility based on disclosure information.
- All eligible guests will be admitted as occupancy allows.
- All guests must have a valid photo ID for admission to Hope Lodge.
- *Special Accommodation requests must be forwarded to the Hope Lodge Senior Manager and approval is subject to eligibility assessments per policy.*

How Many Guests May Stay?

- Each room has two beds.
- We allow one patient and one caregiver – no more than two persons per room.
- We only allow one room per cancer patient.
- No pets are allowed.

Are Caregivers Allowed to Stay Without the Cancer Patient?

- If a patient is admitted to the hospital during their stay at the facility, the guest's room will be held for up to 7 days. If space is available, the caregiver's stay may be extended at the Senior Manager's discretion (up to 7 days). If a new patient needs the room, the caregiver will be asked to make other lodging arrangements.

Is There a Minimum or Maximum Length of Stay?

- Priority referrals are those requiring three or more days of lodging for treatment. Hope Lodge facilities will be available to qualified guests for a maximum of three months during any given treatment cycle. After this time, the Hope Lodge Senior Manager will evaluate the guest's situation with the referral source to determine if a longer stay is needed.
- Lodging may be provided for a maximum of one day prior to the patient's cancer-related treatment; and no longer than one day following the end of the patient's treatment based on availability.

Is There a Distance Requirement?

- Patients home address is 40 miles or more away from or have at least a one-hour commute to their treatment facility.
- BMT and Stem Cell Patients may reside 30 miles or more away to be eligible.

Primary referrals will always and without question take priority over special accommodation referrals, including special accommodation referral guests currently staying at the Hope Lodge. If a room is needed for a primary referral, the special accommodation referral guest that has had the longest stay will be asked to leave to accommodate the primary referral guest.

SPECIAL ACCOMODATIONS permitted when availability allows:

- Referrals for 1–2-night stays can be accommodated.
- Guests and caregivers can check-in before and stay after any type of cancer surgery.
- Based on the patient need a shorter distance requirement may be considered.
- Hope Lodges that have adequate space can accommodate a patient and up to two (2) caregivers.
- Room is available for up to two caregivers - when the patient is inpatient at the treatment facility.
- Day use of Hope Lodge can be granted to patients and/or caregivers.

All referrals to Hope Lodge must provide written confirmation from a medical source that they are free of infectious or communicable diseases. ACS Hope Lodge recognizes the following as infectious or communicable diseases:

- RSV
- Upper Respiratory Infection
- Runny nose/fever or sneezing due to colds
- Viral rashes/skin rashes
- Open, draining wounds
- Active Tuberculosis
- Active Influenza
- Active Rubella
- Wet Shingles (Dry: admissible)
- Active Measles
- Active Mumps
- Active Chicken Pox
- Typhoid Carriers
- Rotavirus
- COVID-19
- C-Diff
- Monkeypox
- Guests with HIV/AIDS are admissible
- VRE and MRSA Carriers are admissible *under the following conditions:*
 - 1) They must be continent of stool and urine
 - 2) They must have no open wounds
 - 3) They (and their caregiver / visitors) must practice good hand washing
 - 4) They must use a private restroom
 - 5) They must use an EPA-registered disinfectant product that bears a label claim for inactivation of VRE and MRSA materials (Note: Check compatibility with the surface you are cleaning). Make sure the disinfectant is used according to label instructions.

For more information, please contact Hope Lodge directly.