

Essential Care Partner (ECP) Guidelines

ED and Outpatient Departments | Effective Dec 30'21

PROOF OF VACCINATION (2 DOSES) REQUESTED UPON ENTRY

All Essential Care Partners entering the hospital will be screened, and must:



Be COVID-19 negative, free of any symptoms, not have a test pending or been told to self-isolate



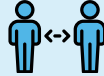
Wear a hospital- provided procedure mask for the entire visit and perform frequent hand hygiene



Not travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days and been told to self-isolate or had contact with a sick person who has travelled



Not had close contact with a person who has or is suspected to have COVID-19 *this includes patients*



Practice physical distancing (2m or 6ft from others)



Review the education material when entering the hospital



Wear the sticker identifying that they have been successfully screened



Enter and exit through designated doors, and leave when asked to do so



Stay in the patient's room during the visit, and do not visit other areas of the hospital

If your loved one is a patient in the:

Outpatient Departments:

- Emergency Department
- Ambulatory Care (Oncology, Physiotherapy, Diabetes Education, etc.)
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Day Surgery

YOU WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE ESSENTIAL CARE PARTNER IN THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:

- Parent of a minor (under the age of 18)
- Partner of a patient giving birth
- ECP of a frail senior or a patient with special needs (e.g. dementia, the need for discharge/teaching plan, significant mobility issues for outpatients, etc.)
- Close relatives of a terminally ill/end-of-life patient (limits will apply at discretion of care team)

Stay in touch with loved ones:

We want to make sure you can stay in touch with your family and friends during this time.

The following alternatives are available:



Telephone

Dial main hospital number and press "0" to request EXT.



Free Wi-Fi

Bring your own device to stay in touch

For more information:

www.gmch.ca

www.nwhealthcare.ca

Please Note:

- Departments with specific requirements for support persons to pick up patients following appointments, etc. may have additional processes on top of these guidelines. Please check with your care team.
- Consideration will be given to close relatives of a terminally ill patient who is near end of life or recently passed (limits apply).
- Please refrain from bringing non-essential items such as food, drink, books, magazines. Please avoid removing your mask to eat/drink.
- Please communicate these restrictions to help us spread the word to other family members and friends.