

Partners in Care Guidelines

Inpatient and Obstetrical Units | Effective June 28'22

All Partners in Care entering the hospital are required to self-assess/ passively screen 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		Stay in the patient's room during the visit, and do not visit other areas of the hospital
	Enter and exit through designated doors, and leave when asked to do so		Children must be able to wear a mask and must be supervised at all times

If you are visiting a patient in the:

Inpatient/Obstetrical Units :

- Limited to TWO partners in care at a time
- Partners in care are able to come to the hospital from 9am to 7pm each day
- You will be asked to avoid coming in and out during your visit
- Both partners in care may visit at the same time, however if the patient is in a shared room, you may be asked to limit this to one person at a time and stay inside the patient curtains
- Please refrain from bringing in non-essential items such as books, magazines, food and drinks

Outside of the set hours, partners in care will be limited to the following circumstances (subject to review on a case by case basis):

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

NOTE: Patients who are COVID positive or have a COVID test pending will not be permitted partners in care until they have been removed from isolation.

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



Virtual Visit

Use FaceTime or Skype to visit with loved ones

Want to set up a visit?
Email:

patientexperience@whca.ca



E-Card/Mail

Send an e-card message that staff will print out and deliver to your loved one (visit website to send e-card)

Send traditional "snail mail" to your loved one

For more information:

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