

COVID-19 UPDATE



Loosening of Covid-19 Restrictions

Tuesday, March 23, 2022

1. Visitors will no longer need to be designated.
2. Indoor visitors must be fully vaccinated (**have received two doses**). Exceptions to this will be assessed by the staff RN and approved by leadership on a case-by-case basis.
3. RA testing will still be required q48 hours for fully vaccinated visitors and staff. Unvaccinated visitors who have been granted exceptional access will require an RA test prior to each daily visit.
4. Visitors will be permitted to eat and drink inside the patient room. Snacks and beverages must be consumed strictly within the patient room. Masks are to be put back on once snack is completed. Visitors must have mask on when staff enter the room. Food will not be provided to families at this time. We look forward to the return of our delicious treat cart in the near future.
5. The number of visitors in a patient's room at one time has increased from 3 to 6. Exceptions to this will be granted by RN on case-by-case basis.
6. Children: 5 years and older who have proof of full vaccination will be permitted to visit indoors. Children 1-4 years old will be considered on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the leadership team. Children less than 1 years old are permitted as per Ministry of Health.
7. Fully vaccinated patients being **transferred from hospital to hospice** will require a negative PCR test prior to transport being arranged. Test to be within last 24 hours. These patients will no longer require isolation precautions for Covid 19 upon admission.
8. Fully vaccinated patients being **admitted from home to hospice** will require a PCR test upon admission. Patient will remain in isolation precautions for Covid 19 until result of Day 1 swab is known to be negative. Day 7 swab no longer required for fully vaccinated patients.
9. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated patients will still be placed in Covid isolation upon admission and will require PCR swabs on days 1 and 7.
10. **Patio visitors** no longer require an RA test. They must be given a clean surgical mask prior to proceeding to the patio visit. Within reason, there is no maximum number of visitors on the patio. If a patient is still in isolation, the visitors will not be required to wear gowns and gloves on the patio.