

# ESSENTIAL VISITORS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

| Provincial Designated Community Colour | Visiting Guidelines                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Green                                  | Two designated essential visitors per patient per day who each must visit at different times.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Yellow                                 | One designated essential visitor per patient per day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Orange                                 | One designated essential visitor per patient per hospital stay.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Red                                    | <p>One designated essential visitor per patient per hospital stay based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency patients</li> <li>• Critically ill patients in critical care</li> <li>• Inpatients over the age of 70 or who have a length of stay greater than 5 days</li> <li>• Terminally ill patients, nearing end of life</li> <li>• Patients who are experiencing a deterioration in condition</li> <li>• Patients whom we cannot provide safe care to without the support of the patient's essential visitor                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Example: Patients requiring communication assistance due to hearing, visual, speech, cognitive, intellectual or memory impairments AND experiencing resistance to care; patients with language barrier AND experiencing resistance to care.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Episodic reasons for a one-time occurrence as directed by the care team                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Example: Essential visitor presence to support discharge planning, family meetings and decision making about plan of care and / or goals of care.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Paediatric patients, under the age of 18</li> <li>• Support person for women in labour or who are post-partum</li> <li>• Support person for those experiencing a mental health crisis</li> </ul> |
| Grey - Lockdown                        | <p>One designated essential visitor per patient per hospital stay based on the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency patients</li> <li>• Critically ill patients in critical care</li> <li>• Terminally ill patients, nearing end of life</li> <li>• Patients whom we cannot provide safe care to without the support of the patient's essential visitor                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Example: Patients requiring communication assistance due to hearing, visual, speech, cognitive, intellectual or memory impairments AND experiencing resistance to care; patients with language barrier AND experiencing resistance to care.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Paediatric patients, under the age of 18</li> <li>• Support person for women in labour or who are post-partum</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |