

All C&W Staff

COVID-19: Visiting Guidelines

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<p>What's New?</p>	<p>Information regarding visitors at C&W has been updated. The updates reflect the BC Ministry of Health Overview of Visitors in Acute Care in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Effective immediately, no designation for visitors as 'essential' is required.</p> <p>All patients are welcomed to have up to two visitors at any time.</p> <p>Note: visitors in the ED and PICU <i>may</i> be limited to one at a time if unpredictable care requirements in those environments warrant this.</p> <p>In addition, siblings may accompany parents or legal guardians of a newborn, infant, child or youth.</p> <p>Requests for additional visitors will be considered on a case-by-case basis in consultation with the patient's care team and are made prior to the visit, whenever possible.</p>
<p>Why?</p>	<p>The CW COVID-19 Visiting Guideline promotes safe, meaningful visits for family and visitors to acute care facilities while adhering to infection prevention and control requirements.</p> <p>This guideline supports the C&W Person and Family Centred Care Standard guiding all staff at C&W.</p>
<p>How does this affect my practice?</p>	<p>Review the CW COVID-19 Visiting Guideline to ensure understanding of the new practice.</p> <p>Support patients/clients and visitors to understand current visitor guidelines at C&W.</p> <p>Support and instruct patients/clients and families in infection prevention and control practices including hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and the use of any PPE during their visit.</p> <p>Support patients/clients and visitors with concerns regarding visitor guidelines in collaboration with leaders on site and/or through the Patient Care Quality Office.</p>
<p>How do I find out more?</p>	<p>Visit ePOPS for additional information.</p>
<p>Who do I contact for information?</p>	<p>Speak with your program manager, operational and practice leaders for any questions.</p>