

All C&W Staff

COVID-19: Visitor Restrictions

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<p>What's New?</p>	<p>This policy supports the BC Ministry of Health requirements for preventing and controlling novel coronavirus.</p> <p>All staff must abide by this policy to protect the patients, clinicians, health care workers and the public.</p> <p>Effective immediately, visitors are restricted to <u>essential visitors</u> only.</p> <p>Child visitors are not allowed</p> <p>For the duration of the patient's time at the hospital, only designated adult(s) will be allowed to enter the hospital.</p> <p>Adhering to protective personal equipment (PPE) requirements during essential visits is mandatory.</p>
<p>Why?</p>	<p>This policy aligns with BC Ministry of Health's family and visitor directive for the infection and prevention and control for novel coronavirus (COVID-19).</p>
<p>How does this affect my practice?</p>	<p>As per the BC Ministry of Health family and visitor directive, essential visits include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits for compassionate care (e.g., end of life and critical illness) • A partner/caregiver/supporter of a child/neonate/woman, that is deemed essential. • Visits considered essential for patient/client care and well-being (e.g., assistance with feeding or mobility) <p>A designated caregiver/support person is an asymptomatic person that will remain with the patient throughout the admission.</p> <p>If the designated caregiver/support person develops symptoms they will be asked to put on a mask and leave the hospital. They will be asked to isolate for at least 10 days from symptom onset or until symptoms have resolved (whichever is longer). At that time, a new asymptomatic designated caregiver/support person can be identified.</p> <p>The designated caregiver/support person will be identified to staff and asked to wear a patient identification band. The band will be provided when the patient is admitted. When a new support person is required the band will be removed, discarded and a new wrist band is to be provided to the new support person.</p>

	Program/Department/Unit	# of Designated Asymptomatic Caregiver(s)/ Supporter(s)	Symptomatic Patient Droplet and contact precautions in place
	BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre		
	Urgent Care Centre/Outpatient Clinics	1	Restricted to room
	Maternity Inpatient	1	Ambulate in room only
		Doula's are considered part of patient's care team. Doula must be asymptomatic and cannot participate if patient symptomatic.	
	Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)	2	Restricted to room
	BC Children's Hospital		
	Inpatient programs	2	Restricted to room
	Ambulatory	1	Restricted to room
	Emergency Department	1	Restricted to room
How do I find out more?	COVID-19: C&W Visitor Restrictions Support And Mobility For Women In Labour During COVID-19 Pandemic		
Who do I contact for further information?	Contact your program manager/leader/supervisor.		