



COVID-19: Compassionate Family Presence at End of Life, Death or Pregnancy Loss

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What's New?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This policy is to maintain a supportive family/caregiver/support person presence during end of life, death or pregnancy loss. The goal is to decrease the number of visitors to the healthcare environment as an infection prevention measure and to reduce the risk of spread of illness both to health care providers (HCP), staff, and patients/families. This policy is applicable across BC Women's Hospital + Health Centre (BCW) and BC Children's Hospital (BCCH), including Sunnyhill Health Centre (SHHC) for all in-patient or clinic environments. This policy applies to all HCP and staff across the interprofessional team. <p>COVID-19: Compassionate Family Presence At End Of Life, Death, Or Pregnancy Loss</p>
Why?	<p>The changes to the number of caregiver/support person/visitors permitted during end of life, death or pregnancy loss care situations result from the COVID-19 pandemic and are determined by the BC Ministry of Health. Normally, there would be no restrictions on compassionate family/caregiver/support person presence.</p>
How does this affect my practice?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The core care team is committed to meet the patient's/family's needs and will use all available resources and supports, as appropriate. This policy addresses or highlights the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of visitors/support persons in these extraordinary circumstances Screening for symptoms and PPE use must be followed. Process (includes suggested language/key ideas) for sharing the restrictions with family/caregivers/support persons Process for resolving conflicts among HCPs and/or between HCPs and family/caregiver/support persons
How do I find out more?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review with your team members and program and medical leaders. Review COVID-19 C&W Visitor Restrictions and other related documents on ePOPS
Who do I contact for further information?	<p>Support for these decisions and conversations is also available from Operational Leaders (PC, PPC, CNC), Practice Leaders (PPL/SPL), Social Work, Ethics Service, Patient Experience, Spiritual Care, and/or Indigenous Health team including Indigenous Patient Liaisons 604-875-2348 (loc.2348).</p>