



## All Clinical Department/Program(s) COVID-19 Pandemic: Visitor Policy Oct 6, 2021

<p><b>What's New?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This PHSA level policy (<a href="#">link</a>) now replaces the CW COVID-19: Visiting Guideline</li> <li>• Information regarding visitors at PHSA has now been updated to reflect the BC Ministry of Health Overview of Visitors in Acute Care in the context of the COVID19 pandemic.</li> <li>• As per the previous CW COVID-19 Visiting Guidelines,             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No designation for visitors as 'essential' is required.</li> <li>○ All patients are welcomed to have up to two visitors at any time.</li> <li>○ Note: visitors in the ED and PICU is at the discretion of the clinical team and <i>may be limited</i> to one at a time if care requirements in those environments warrant this.</li> <li>○ In addition, siblings may accompany parents or legal guardians of a newborn, infant, child or youth.</li> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Why?</b></p>	<p>The <a href="#">PHSA COVID-19 Visitor Policy</a> promotes safe, meaningful visits for family and visitors to acute care facilities while minimizing the risk of COVID-19 and Respiratory Communicable Disease transition.</p>
<p><b>How does this affect my practice?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the PHSA COVID-19 Visitor Policy to ensure understanding of the new practice.</li> <li>• The following CW policies related to visitors have also been updated:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support And Mobility For Women In Labour During COVID-19 Pandemic</li> <li>○ COVID-19: Compassionate Family Presence At End Of Life, Death, Or Pregnancy Loss</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Support patients/clients and visitors to understand current visitor guidelines at C&amp;W.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Support patients/clients and visitors with concerns regarding visitor guidelines in collaboration with leaders on site and/or through the Patient Care Quality Office.</li> </ul>
<p><b>How do I find out more?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit <a href="#">ePOPS</a> for additional information</li> </ul>
<p><b>Who do I contact for further information?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speak with your program manager, operational and practice leaders for any questions.</li> </ul>