

# BC Women's Hospital Maternal Newborn Program COVID-19: VISITOR AND SUPPORT PERSON/CAREGIVER FOR THE MATERNAL NEWBORN PROGRAM POLICY

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<p><b>What's New?</b></p>	<p>Updated <a href="#">Support And Mobility For Women In Labour During COVID-19 Pandemic</a> policy to align with the <a href="#">COVID-19: C&amp;W Visitor Restrictions</a> .</p> <p>It replaces the previous version dated May 6, 2020.</p> <p>This policy applies to all patients admitted to BC Women's Maternal Newborn Program and their identified essential support person/caregiver.</p> <p>This policy is in keeping with the <a href="#">Provincial Health Officer's</a> recommendations for physical distancing and the <a href="#">Federal Government's</a> interim guidance for acute healthcare settings limitation on the number of visitors to acute care facilities.</p>
<p><b>Why?</b></p>	<p>It is recognized that labour support by someone other than a hospital employee can decrease interventions and improve outcomes. This policy is based on best and wise practices to optimize the patient's labour, delivery and postpartum period during the COVID-19 Pandemic.</p>
<p><b>How does this affect my practice?</b></p>	<p>This policy provides direction and information for/on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The essential support person/caregiver throughout the labour, delivery and postpartum phases.</li> <li>• Exceptions for essential or compassionate reasons</li> <li>• Doulas</li> <li>• Ambulation in labour</li> </ul> <p>Read the policy on <a href="#">ePOPS</a> for details.</p>
<p><b>How do I find out more?</b></p>	<p>Contact your unit/area leadership team. See the front page of ePOPS for COVID-19 Resources and check regularly for updates and added resources. For access to all Policy &amp; Procedure documents search <a href="#">ePOPS</a></p>
<p><b>Who do I contact for further information?</b></p>	<p>Contact your unit leader or educator for additional information. Contact the Infection Control Practitioner, Monday to Friday 0800-1600 or <a href="mailto:IPACS@cw.bc.ca">IPACS@cw.bc.ca</a>.</p>