

# **Pembroke Regional Hospital Cautiously Welcomes Visitors Back Thanks To Reduction In Community Transmission Of COVID-19**

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PEMBROKE – With recent data suggesting that the latest wave of COVID-19 has passed its peak in Ontario, the Pembroke Regional Hospital along with others in the Champlain region are cautiously welcoming visitors back into their facilities.

Effective Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, admitted patients at PRH will be able to designate two general visitors and two essential caregivers / care partners, for the duration of their stay.

Of these, one general visitor will be able to visit per day between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Essential caregivers/care partners (one at a time) may be present at the bedside at the same time as the general visitor.

As hospitals are considered “highest risk” settings, all essential caregivers / care partners and general visitors must comply with all COVID-19 safety measures when visiting PRH. This includes:

- Providing proof that they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, along with personal identification
- Completing and passing COVID-19 entrance screening
- Wearing a medical grade (PRH supplied) mask at all times in the hospital (including when in the patient’s room), and additional personal protective equipment as indicated
- Practicing physical distancing at all times
- Not consuming food or drink at the patient’s bedside

In addition, any individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 or displays COVID-19 symptoms must wait 10 days (from date of test and/or onset of symptoms) before coming to the hospital.

"We are pleased that a decrease in COVID cases and hospitalizations is allowing us to lift some of the tight restrictions we needed to impose during the height of the fifth wave," said PRH President and CEO Pierre Noel.

As always, our Visitor Policy is subject to further changes based on public health guidance. Up to date information about COVID-19 related measures can be found on the hospital’s website, or by speaking with a member of the health care team.

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