

Pembroke Regional Hospital Updates Guidelines for COVID-Positive Or Symptomatic Visitors, Essential Caregivers / Care Partners And Patients (Non-Emergent)

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PEMBROKE - As a result of continued local and regional transmission of the COVID-19 Omicron variant, the Pembroke Regional Hospital is required to follow guidelines for those coming to our facility as a visitor, essential caregiver / care partner or patient (non-emergent) in order to help protect those in our care, our workplace and our community.

Like all hospitals, Pembroke Regional Hospital is considered a “highest risk setting” which is why, in alignment with regional recommendations and supported by the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, any individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 or displays COVID-19 symptoms **must wait 10 days before coming to the hospital:**

- If they have tested positive for COVID-19. They must wait 10 days from the date of the test before coming into the hospital.
- If they have symptoms of COVID-19 but are unable to get a test. They must wait 10 days from the onset of their symptoms before coming into the hospital.

These updated guidelines apply to all individuals, regardless of age or vaccination status, including patients (non-emergent), essential caregivers / care partners and visitors. Please note that this does not apply to patients visiting the emergency department and that other exceptions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the care team.

Those individuals who have scheduled medical appointments at PRH within 10 days of their positive COVID-19 test or onset of symptoms are advised to call for further instruction and rescheduling.

“While we recognize that the self-isolation period in the community has recently been reduced to five days by public health, hospitals are ‘highest risk settings’ which is why the recommended isolation period is different,” said PRH President and CEO Pierre Noel.

“Once again we thank everyone for their patience and understanding in these challenging times. We know that the changes and guidelines can lead to frustration but we ask that everyone coming into the hospital to please be kind to our screeners and to all those who are doing their best to keep people safe in our facility,” he said.

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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