



MEDIA RELEASE

CMH Further Restricting Visiting During Provincial Lockdown

For Immediate Release – April 13, 2021 – With the current provincial restrictions and stay-at-home-orders in effect, Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) is further restricting visiting.

Beginning tomorrow, April 14, CMH will further limit visitations by essential care partners. Care partners are family or designated support persons. These individuals have and/or will support(ed) the patient before and after their hospital admission.

Changes to visiting include:

- One visitor per patient/week – visitor cannot change for duration and is an essential caregiver (Down from two to one designated person. This person can visit once per week.)
- Visitors will be required to schedule their visit 24 hours in advance by calling the CMH Med/Surg Desk
- Visitors must wear a hospital provided mask for the duration of their visit and must not eat or drink while they are in the building
- Two visitors for patients deemed to be palliative – Palliative means end of life only (up to 72 hours to live)

Visitors who are deemed essential care partners must go directly to the patient they are there to support and leave directly after their visit is over. Visitors are not permitted to visit other patients while in the hospital and they must also maintain social distancing (two metres) and complete hand hygiene frequently. The hospital's cafeteria and gift shop remain closed to visitors.

Only care partners in the following public health units will be permitted entry to CMH: Hastings and Prince Edward; Peterborough; Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge; and Kingston Frontenac and Lennox & Addington.

All visitors entering the hospital are required to wear a hospital provided mask and will be asked questions about their health and travel history. Visitors must pass screening in order to be allowed entry. Designated visiting hours are 10AM – Noon, 2PM – 4PM and 6PM – 8PM. Any visitors appearing outside of these times will be asked to leave the hospital.

Virtual visiting is encouraged and is available on Wednesday and Friday. Virtual visitors must have access to Zoom or FaceTime. To schedule a virtual visit, please contact Caitlin Payne by email at cpayne@cmh.ca or by dialing (705) 653-1140 ext. 2212. CMH also now offers free Wi-Fi to assist patients in connecting with their loved ones.

While CMH recognizes the important role family and support persons play for patients who are admitted to hospital, we also have a role to play in keeping our patients, staff and community safe. CMH appreciates the support and compliance of the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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