



MEDIA RELEASE

Campbellford Memorial Hospital Eases Restrictions on Visiting

For Immediate Release – July 2, 2021 – In light of low community prevalence of COVID-19 and the province's move to Step 2 of Ontario's reopening plan, Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) will begin to ease visiting restrictions today that have been in place since mid-April.

Changes to visiting include:

- Admitted patients will identify two essential caregivers/visitors. Only one individual will be permitted to visit each day. CMH encourages only local caregivers/visitors to visit inpatients at this time. Virtual visits can continue to be requested.
- Patients who are COVID pending cannot have a visitor come in until their swab has come back negative.
- Patients identified as palliative/nearing end of life are allowed two visitors at a time. These visitors may switch out and they may come outside of visiting hours. Family is encouraged to establish a plan with the Team Lead/Charge Nurse ahead of time.

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.

All visitors entering the hospital are required to wear a medical grade mask, which will be provided by the hospital upon arrival. Visitors who refuse to wear a mask will be denied entry to the hospital.

Upon arrival visitors 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 (times cannot be extended). 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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