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Campbellford Memorial Hospital Announces Further Visitor Restrictions in response to COVID-19 Outbreak

November 15th, 2023 – In light of the continuing challenges posed by the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak within our Inpatient Unit (IPU), Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) is implementing additional measures to ensure the safety and well-being of our patients, staff, and visitors.

Effective Thursday, November 16th, CMH is instituting further restrictions on visitation to the Inpatient Unit. Until further notice, only one individual, classified by the patient as an essential caregiver, will be permitted to visit patients on the Inpatient Unit.

Caregivers are identified as individuals crucial to the patient's well-being, providing support that contributes to their assessment, diagnosis, physical and mental health during their hospital stay. Often, these individuals offer ongoing support to the patient and are likely to continue providing assistance after discharge. Caregivers will have access to patients during evenings, weekends, and other times when the patient desires their presence.

Exceptions to this policy will be considered for palliative patients, subject to approval from the IPU manager or Chief Nursing Executive (CNE).

"We understand that these measures may cause inconvenience, but the safety of our patients and the community remains our top priority," said Heather Campbell, VP Patient Care. "We appreciate the understanding and cooperation of our patients, their families, and the broader community as we continue to respond to this outbreak."

For the latest information on hospital policies and procedures related to COVID-19, please visit www.cmh.ca/covid-19.