



MEDIA RELEASE

Hospital visiting unchanged during Provincial lockdown

For Immediate Release – December 23, 2020 – With Ontario set to move into a Provincial lockdown on December 26, Campbellford Memorial Hospital (CMH) will continue to allow hospital visiting in accordance with our COVID-19 policy.

Under this policy, patients are permitted to identify two essential visitors. Essential visitors are family or designated support persons (typically from within the community) and are an important part of patient-centred care. These individuals have and/or will support(ed) the patient before and after their hospital admission. Visitors can not change for the duration of the patient's stay. Children under the age of 16 are not allowed to visit at this time.

During designated visiting hours (10AM – Noon, 2PM – 4PM and 6PM – 8PM) restrictions allow for one designated visitor to come per day. Any visitors appearing outside of these times will be asked to leave the hospital.

All visitors entering the hospital are required to wear a mask and will be asked questions about their health and travel history. Visitors must pass screening in order to be allowed entry.

While in the hospital, visitors must make every reasonable effort to maintain social distancing space (2 metres) and complete hand hygiene frequently. Please remain with the patient you are in the hospital to support and refrain from moving about within the hospital. Both the hospital's cafeteria and gift shop remain closed to visitors.

Virtual visits are also available Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during the holiday season. 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.

Any patient to be deemed palliative may be allowed an increased number of visitors or variable times. All exceptions must be approved by the Team Leads and/or Management.

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 are patients, staff and community safe. Where possible, patients are encouraged to utilize our complimentary phone service, Wi-Fi and virtual visits as alternative options to connecting with loved ones.

CMH appreciates the support and compliance of the community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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