Admitted Patients At Pembroke Regional Hospital Can Now Receive Additional Visitors

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Pembroke – Effective November 29th, and in alignment with our regional partners, the Pembroke Regional Hospital's Visitor and Caregiver/Care Partner policy has been updated to permit up to two individuals (general visitors or essential caregivers/care partners) to be with a patient at their bedside at the same time.

Visitors and essential caregivers/care partners must pass the hospital's entrance screening criteria in order to be allowed to visit and must continue to follow physical distancing and masking protocols as well as provide proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

General visitors are permitted during regular hours of visitation (11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.).

Essential caregivers/care partners are designated by the patient to provide 24/7 assistance with meals, mobility and personal care, communication, emotional support and support in decision making.

Both general visitors and essential caregivers/care partners must sign in at the patient's Nursing Station upon arrival to the unit for contact tracing purposes.

Special considerations regarding caregivers/care partners and visitors for the following departments/situations remain unchanged:

- Patients within the Emergency Department
- Patients admitted to LDRP
- Patients approaching end of life

As the COVID-19 situation continues to change and evolve, please note that our hospital's visitor policy may also require revisions to reflect these changes.

For the most up-to-date information and the latest version of the hospital's Caregiver/Care Partner and Visitor policy, please visit the PRH website at <u>www.pembrokeregionalhospital.ca</u>.

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