

PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

MEMO

TO: All Staff and Physicians

FROM: IPAC and Occupational Health

DATE: December 28th, 2021

SUBJECT: PRH Restricting Visitors Due To Increased Transmission of COVID-19 Omicron Variant

As a result of increased local and regional transmission of the COVID-19 Omicron variant, the Pembroke Regional Hospital is further restricting visitor presence in order to best protect our patients, staff, physicians and the community.

Aligned with regional recommendations and supported by the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, effective Wednesday, December 29th, PRH will be restricting all visitors and will only be allowing the presence of one designated essential caregiver / care partner per admitted patient for the duration of their stay except under specific circumstances classified as exceptions.

Those exceptions include:

- Those visiting patients at the end-of-life
- Labour and Deliver
- One support person in the Emergency Department
- Parents of children under the age of 18
- Individuals under the age of 12
- Individuals who are essential to accompany patients to appointments or participate in the delivery of care
- Other critical or urgent circumstances requiring family presence

It should also be noted that all designated essential caregivers / care partners must be fully vaccinated unless they meet an exception criteria and must pass entrance screening prior to entering the hospital.

As always, our Visitor Policy is subject to further changes and restrictions based on public health guidance.