

**The Pembroke Regional Hospital Is Sharing COVID-Friendly Guidelines
For Patient Gift Giving This Valentine's Day**

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PEMBROKE – In alignment with guidance from the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, the Pembroke Regional Hospital is doing all that it can to help ensure that families and loved ones can remain connected with those in hospital this Valentine's Day.

“We recognize that Valentine's Day, like so many special occasions, is important to many of our patients and their families. Our hospital plans to assist as much as possible in order to ensure that families and loved ones will still be able to share messages of love and support, along with gifts for our patients while maintaining COVID safety measures,” said Sabine Mersmann, Senior Vice-President of Clinical and Support Services / Partnerships and Integration.

Visitors, one per patient, per day, will be able to bring in the following gift items:

- Packaged food items such as chocolates or edible items from a commercial kitchen**
- Plants or non-scented flowers**
- New or freshly laundered clothes (in packaging that can be wiped down)**
- Other items so long as they can be disinfected with hospital grade disinfectant**

In addition the Pembroke Regional Hospital will accept gifts for inpatients on February 14th which can be dropped off to our screeners at the Tower B (Emergency Department) entrance in accordance with the guidelines above.

Gifts will be thoroughly wiped down and disinfected before being delivered to the inpatient units. Please have the patient's name clearly identified on the package and maintain appropriate physical distance when delivering the item at the entrance.

Please note that home baked/cooked food items cannot be brought into the hospital and shared with staff.

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