



Renfrew County and District Health Unit
"Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

Memorandum

Date: November 10, 2022

To: Renfrew County Hospitals

From: Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health, RCDHU

Re: Hospital Visitors

As we move into winter, the number of infections is increasing not just from COVID-19 but also from influenza and a third virus called RSV.

All to say hospital services are again in a fragile state due to increases in outbreaks and staff absenteeism. Even if hospital beds are available, and that is no guarantee with all the pressing needs, we need enough staff to care for patients.

We understand how important it is to visit family in hospital, to provide added support and encouragement. However, strict rules are necessary if we are to keep the system working.

Make sure your vaccinations are up to date, get the maximum eligible number of Covid vaccines and a flu shot.

Do not come to visit at the hospital if you have any symptoms, pay rigorous to the screening process to ensure you do this.

Closely follow the instructions for hand sanitizing, mask wearing and gowning. Limit your stay and restrict the number of visitors per patient.

We need to protect our hospital services at this crucial time and to ensure staffing is adequate for quality patient care.

We need total cooperation on this important matter if we are to keep caring for patients as best we can in the months ahead.

As the Medical Officer of Health for Renfrew County and District, I am asking the hospitals not to tolerate any lapses in behaviour.

Thank you for your cooperation,



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