

Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre (ERHHC) recognizes that visits from family and caregivers contribute greatly to a patient's quality of life and wellbeing.

Visitor- ACCESS GUIDELINES

- Visitors will be screened for COVID-19 upon entering ERHHC using the current screening tool.
- Visitors are to follow current masking guidelines posted on signage.
 - Visitors who do not meet the screening criteria will not be permitted into the building Vaccination of visitors is no
- longer mandatory but recommended
- Clinical Manager or delegate is to be notified if a visitor is not complying with the visitor access guidelines set out
- throughout this document.

1. Emergency Department

- One (1) visitor per patient
- Physical distancing will be adhered to by visitors i.e. 2 meters (6 feet) between persons

2. Acute Care Unit

- Daily visiting hours: 1100-2000
- Two (2) visitors per patient at one time, visitors may alternate
- Physical distancing will be adhered to by visitors i.e. 2 meters (6 feet) between persons

3. Palliative or End of Life

Note: Special consideration will be given

4. Children or Youth (17 years or younger)

- Two (2) visitors per patient at one time, visitors may alternate, both can visit at the same time
- Physical distancing will be adhered to by visitors i.e. 2 meters (6 feet) between persons

5. Notification to patients of Visitor Access Guidelines

- Letter in admission package and/or
- Unit RN to verbally inform patient on admission
- **6.** Further visitor access will be at the direction of the Ministry of Health. Guidelines are subject to change while in outbreak and further direction will be determined by Public Health and the Outbreak Management team.
- **7.** Any concerns brought forward by patients and/or families/caregivers regarding visitor access, notify the Clinical Manager or delegate