

Proof of Vaccination



In an effort to ensure the protection and the safety of our patients and employees, effective **December 13, 2021**, all Designated Care Partners and Visitors will be required to provide **proof of full COVID -19 vaccination** or **an approved Medical exemption** together with a **Government issued photo ID** when presenting to our Acute Care Unit and Emergency Department.



This requirement will NOT apply to patients. No patients will be denied care or service due to their vaccination status. Those presenting for medical reasons such as emergency care, diagnostics, lab testing, specialist appointments, physiotherapy etc. **will not** be asked to show proof of vaccination.

Exceptions to the proof of vaccination requirement will be made for people visiting in the following circumstances based on compassionate reasons:

- Parents/Guardians of patients under 17 years of age.
- DCPs presenting to the ED with signs of labour.
- DCPs and visitors of patients who are in a mental health crisis, have a life-threatening emergency or a new life-altering or critical illness diagnoses where family presence is vital for the patient, family and or care team
- DCPs and visitors of patients with a prognosis of 48-72 hours to live.
- DCPs accompanying patients with communication, language barriers, physical or cognitive impairments.
- All visitors under the age of 12 and not yet eligible for vaccination.

ERHHC recognizes that visits from family and caregivers contribute greatly to a patient's quality of life and wellbeing and want to continue to support safe visiting for both patients and staff. For those unable to visit virtual visits are available on the acute care unit.

ERHHC does not tolerate any form of Harassment and/or Violence towards staff and staff have the right to ask you to leave the premises.

Any concerns brought forward by patients and/or families/caregivers regarding visitor access, please notify the Clinical Manager/ Manager on Call or delegate, or email patientrelations@esphosp.on.ca

Lets all help to protect the health and safety of our community.