

Expanded Visitor Access Acute and Long Term Care Takes Effect Beginning the week of *March 1, 2022*

These guidelines do not replace clinical and operational judgement of operators. When making decisions and plans to support visitation, operators use discretion, assess risk and remain client centered.

Vaccination status is no longer a requirement for visitation. Screening is still required upon entry, using appropriate screening algorithms for managing visitors. Visitors are required to sign in and out and perform hand hygiene. Operators will maintain records of visitors who attend the facility for 30 days.

Visitation may be impacted in the case of a confirmed or potential outbreak in the facility, or upon direction of the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer.

- General visitors are not permitted during an outbreak, or to Orange or Red Zone patients/residents, except in End of Life situations.
- ECP/DFC access to Orange and Red patients/residents should continue to occur virtually wherever possible. In-person visitation is considered in order to meet care needs of the resident /patient.

Definitions:

Designated family caregivers (DFC) - any person whom the resident and/or substitute decision maker identifies and designates as their family caregiver. These individuals actively and regularly participate in providing care and may support feeding, mobility, personal hygiene, cognitive stimulation, communication, meaningful connection, relational continuity and assistance in decision-making.

Essential Care Partner (ECP) - An essential care partner is defined as those providing physical, psychological and emotional support, as deemed important by the patient.

General visitor - Family and friends who visit for social reasons. Their time with the patient is discretionary and short term. They are not involved in the care of the patient.

Essential Care Partners/ Designated Family Caregivers

Location	Maximum	PPE	Physical Distancing	Appointment
Patient/Resident Room	Up to 2 may be identified. 1 may attend at a time.	Medical Mask Eye Protection Provided by facility	Not required.	Not required
End of Life Patient/Resident Room	Maximum 4 may be identified. Up to 2 may visit at a time.	Medical Mask Eye Protection Provided by facility Additional PPE may be required according to Zone	Not required.	Site/Operator determination.
<u>Acute Only:</u> Emergency Department/ Urgent Care	1 ECP may be identified and may attend, subject to space and ability to maintain physical distance from other patients and their ECPs.	Medical Mask Eye Protection Provided by facility	Must be maintained from other patients and ECPs	Not required.
<u>Acute Only:</u> Outpatient, including Diagnostics, Renal, Cancer Care	1 ECP may be identified and may attend, subject to space and ability to maintain physical distance from other patients and their ECPs.	Medical Mask Provided by facility	Must be maintained from other patients and ECPs	Not required.
<u>Acute Only:</u> Pediatrics	2 designated parent/guardians may visit daily. One may remain overnight with the child.	Medical Mask Eye Protection Provided by facility	Not required.	Not required.

General Visitors

Location	Maximum	PPE	Physical Distancing	Appointment
<u>Acute Only:</u> Patient Room	One at a time	Medical Mask Provided by facility	Must be maintained at all times	During Visiting hours
<u>PCH Only:</u> Resident Room	Up to 2 at a time	Medical Mask Provided by facility	Must be maintained at all times	Required
End of Life Patient/Resident Room	Number determined by the site/operator based on the space the visitation is taking place in.	Medical Mask Provided by facility Additional PPE may be required according to Zone	Must be maintained at all times	Site/Operator determination.
<u>PCH Only:</u> Visitation Shelter or Designated Visitation Room	Up to 2 at a time	Medical Mask Provided by facility	Must be maintained at all times	Required
Outdoor – space and weather permitting	Maximum 4 at a time	Medical Mask Provided by facility	Must be maintained at all times	Acute – Site/Operator determination. PCH - Appointment according to site guidelines
<u>Acute Only:</u> Emergency Department/ Urgent Care Outpatient, including Diagnostics, Renal, Cancer Care	No General Visitors			

Change Tracker

March 1, 2022

1. Expanded visitor access – Acute Care and Long Term Care guidelines replaces the Acute Care Essential Care Partner and Visitor Guidelines and the Long Term Care Resident Visitation Principles
2. Removed the vaccination requirement for general visitors and designated family caregivers.