

Women's and Children's Health Program Information for the Paediatric Unit Visitor

- We consider parents to be essential care providers to our children in the pediatric unit, and our policy is created to maximize safety for our most vulnerable patients and the staff that care for them with family centered care in mind.
- Everyone is screened prior to entering the hospital regarding symptoms and contact within your home and community, travel history and vaccination status.
- If a parent or guardian does not pass screening, further discussion regarding their ability to visit must be had with management and Infection Prevention and Control prior to their entry to the Paediatric Unit.
- Designated Care providers (visitors to the paediatric unit) **must wear their masks at all times while in hospital**. Even if you come with your own mask, you will be asked to remove it and replace with a clean one provided upon arrival by our screening team. We have clean paper bags for the storage and protection of your personal mask.
- Once in the hospital there is to be minimal "ins and outs", and you are not able to move around within the unit.
- Paediatric patients are asked to wear their masks as well, provided that they are able to do so. Children under the age of two (2) are not expected to wear masks.
- **One (1)** designated care provider (parent, guardian or delegate) will be permitted to stay with the child for the entire admission and will be provided with a red arm band.
- Every pediatric patient requires a parent/guardian/delegate to stay with them for their entire stay. Paediatric Nurses do not provide supervision for their patients.
- Eating must occur in designated areas in your patient room, where **strict hand hygiene, minimal time with mask removed**, and **cleaning of the area** once mask is put back on. Ask your child's nurse if you have questions or concerns.

Any questions or concerns regarding this guideline can be brought to the attention of the charge nurse for consideration

Please call 519-621-2333 ext. 4250 to check on your child at any time

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe