

Women's and Children's Health Program Information for the Special Care Nursery Visitor

- Everyone is screened prior to entering the hospital regarding symptoms and contact within your home and community.
- 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 Special Care Nursery.
- Designated Care providers (visitors to the nursery) must wear their cloth 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 mask.
- Once in the hospital there is to be minimal "ins and outs", and you are not able to move around within the hospital. Please plan your visits or stays accordingly.
- 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 baby's nurse if you have questions or concerns.
- Breast feeding parents may drink water from their own water bottle, with quick movement of mask off and then on again to do so. Strict hand hygiene practices need to be followed before and after touching your mask.
- Whether the birth parent is an inpatient in postpartum or discharged, only two (2) designated care providers may visit and will be provided with a red arm band as identified visitors.
- Only one (1) person is allowed at the special care nursery bedside at a time. Switching between the designated care providers needs to occur outside of the hospital. Trade-off may only occur inside the hospital if the birth parent remains an inpatient – then it can occur in the patient room in postpartum.
- TWINS will be allowed both parents to visit together, one (1) visitor per baby at the same time.
- Any needs for exceptions to the above rules, must go through hospital management as well as Infection Prevention and Control for approval, and will be managed on a case-by-case basis.

Please call 519-621-2333 ext. 4310 to check on your baby at any time

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe