

PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

MEMO

TO: All Staff and Physicians

FROM: IPAC and Occupational Health

DATE: January 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Visitors, Essential Caregivers / Care Partners and Patients (non-emergent) who have tested positive for COVID-19 or are displaying symptoms

Under the *Provincial Guidance for Omicron Case and Contact Management*, Pembroke Regional Hospital is considered a “highest risk setting”. As such, essential caregivers / care partners, patients (non-emergent) and visitors who have tested positive for COVID-19 or who are displaying COVID-19 symptoms must wait **10 days** before coming to the hospital. This guideline applies to all essential caregivers / care partners, visitors, and patients (non-emergent) - regardless of age or vaccination status.

While some individuals are only required by the Renfrew County Health and District Health Unit to self-isolate for 5 days, they must not attend **highest risk settings** including the hospital for 10 days.

Essential Caregivers / Care Partners, visitors and patients (non-emergent) who:

- Have tested positive for COVID-19, must wait 10 days from the date of the test before coming into the hospital,
- Have symptoms of COVID-19 but are unable to get a test, must wait 10 days from the onset of symptoms before coming into the hospital.

Non-emergent patients who have a medical appointment booked at the hospital within 10 days of their positive COVID-19 test or onset of symptoms are encouraged to be rescheduled, if possible.

Any exceptions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the care team.