

PEMBROKE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

MEMO

TO: All Staff and Physicians

FROM: Senior Leadership Team (SLT)



DATE: July 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Changes to Visitor Policy effective July 26, 2021

With guidance from the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU), we will be welcoming additional Caregivers / Care Partners into the hospital for admitted patients effective today, Monday, July 26th, 2021.

Patients may identify as many Caregivers / Care Partners as they require to support them throughout their inpatient stay. Caregivers / Care Partners will continue to be identified by patients or substitute decision makers and be provided with the **“I am a Caregiver”** badge. One Caregiver / Care Partner is eligible to visit daily 24/7. Caregivers / Care Partners must pass entrance screening and will be required to sign in on the inpatient units.

One General Visitor per day will also be permitted between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. General Visitors must pass entrance screening and will be required to sign in on the inpatient units. Screeners will not be tracking General Visitors at the entrance.

Patients who are approaching end of life, may have an unlimited number of Caregivers / Care Partners and General Visitors at one time.

As always, Caregivers / Care Partners and General Visitors are required to follow health and safety practices during their visit. Please continue to support this practice by reminding Caregivers / Care Partners and General Visitors to perform hand hygiene regularly, wear a mask at all times and reduce movement throughout the organization by remaining at the patient's bedside. Please support Caregivers / Care Partners and General Visitors by teaching proper technique for donning and doffing additional personal protective equipment (PPE) which may be required based on patient circumstances.

Thank you for your help in supporting patients, Caregivers / Care Partners and General Visitors through this transition.