

# Visitor Restriction

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Effective immediately, Listowel Wingham Hospitals Alliance (LWHA) visitor policy has been further restricted to protect our patients, staff and physicians.

- Due to the extremely high risk to visitors, patients and staff, visiting will be prohibited for all COVID-19 patients, including both confirmed and suspected case. Virtual visits will be supported using technology such as iPads.
- No visitors are allowed for other patients at LWHA, with limited exceptions for Essential Visitors.

## **Essential Visitors include the following:**

- OBS – 1 visitor or support person only and to remain the same throughout length of stay
- Paediatrics – 1 visitor (Parent or Guardian only)
- ER – 1 support person for urgent cases
- **Palliative Care Patients – Patients with a Palliative Performance Score 30% or less, or with expectant death within 72 hrs will be permitted one visitor per day and the visitor can change each day. Once in the building the visitor must wear a mask and remain at the patient bedside. The Visitor may only enter and exit the building once per day. PPS will be assessed continually by the patients nurse and family will be notified if their condition changes. Pt's who are confirmed or pending COVID swabs will not be permitted visitors.**
- Oncology Patients – 1 support person for first visit only
- Outpatients - No support or family other than those who require cognitive, sensory, or mobility assistance, first appointment oncology patients, or a minor.

*We ask that you clean your hands when you enter and exit the facility, as well as when you enter and exit your loved ones room. All essential visitors will be screened at the front doors and will be asked to wear a mask for the duration of their visit.*