



Notice to Patients and Essential Care Partners:

Your health and safety is our priority. To prevent the spread of infection, the following restrictions are in place and apply to all patients and essential care partners while they are in our Hospital.

Safety is essential, therefore any patient who chooses not to comply with the following criteria will be considered for discharge.

Effective immediately and until further notice:

- Patients are not to leave their unit for non-clinical purposes. This includes visits to the cafeteria, Robin's Donuts and other common areas in the Hospital;
- Smoking will not be allowed while admitted. Smoking cessation support will be provided as necessary;
- No patient-to-patient visiting between floors or on units, unless you have been deemed an Essential Care Partner.
- Patients may only leave their unit for tests/procedures with a designated staff member (e.g. Porter or Nurse).

If a patient leaves and returns to the Hospital, they will be reassessed in the Emergency Department, and only admitted if medically necessary.

We understand that these measures are restrictive, but they are imperative to protect the health and safety of all.

Reminder: Patients and ECPs are encouraged to use their personal devices to stay connected with friends and family. Free telephone service is available for those without personal devices.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during these challenging times.

Please note that these guidelines are subject to frequent updates as the situation evolves. You will be notified of changes as they occur.

For more information, please refer to the Hospital's Visitor Behaviour Policy:

<http://tbh.net/VisitorPolicy>

April 2, 2020