

COVID-19 VISITING HOURS

RED ALERT PHASE

Current advice as of 26 June 2021

Visitors by exception only

While in the red alert phase, visitors are to be by exception only.

Visitors must wear a mask or face covering at all times when in the health care facility. Visitors may wear their own mask if they choose.

If a visitor does not have their own mask, they will be provided one. However, mask supply will be prioritised for staff and patients. Visiting may be refused based on mask availability if visitors cannot supply their own masks.

Children under 12 are not required to wear a mask.

Emergency Departments

One visitor is permitted to accompany a patient in Emergency Departments if their presence is absolutely necessary.

Children under the age of 12 years old are not permitted to accompany a patient in the Emergency Department. The Nurse-In-Charge may modify this in exceptional circumstances.

Specified exemptions to visitation restrictions

The Nurse Unit Manager or Nurse-In-Charge may permit visiting in specific circumstances as outlined below:

Paediatric and Neonatal units

Children can have both parents / carers at any time with no restrictions on length of visit.

End of Life

Where a patient is receiving end of life care, visitors are only limited to the extent necessary to minimise risk.

Maternity

During labour and birth, mothers are able to be supported by ONE person only (this can be either the partner OR support person, however not both).

Post-natal, the same partner / support person is able to visit for unrestricted periods between 8am and 8pm.

No siblings of any age to visit during this time.

The Nurse/Midwife Unit Manager or Nurse/Midwife-In-Charge may modify this in exceptional circumstances.

Visits to confirmed COVID-19 patients

Patients with confirmed COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19 can NOT be visited in person, except by approval of the hospital General Manager, COVID Ward Operations Manager, or after hours, their Delegate.