

Our Community is in COVID-19 Grey as of December 26th, 2020 @ 0000hrs

Lock Down: Wide scale measures and restrictions to interrupt the transmission of COVID - 19



Implement widescale measures and restrictions, including closures, to halt or interrupt transmission Procedural (Surgical) Masks are to be worn at all times throughout the facility and hand hygiene is strictly enforced. No Exceptions!

No cloth masks are permitted.

Those wearing a face shield must still wear a procedural mask.

Visitor Restrictions are as follows for Hospital Patients:

Acute Care: No visitors are permitted for all admitted patients. Virtual or phone visits will be available by contacting the Acute Care Nursing Unit.

Emergency Department: 1 dedicated visitor per patient **only for those requiring assistance related to age or disability**. The dedicated visitor is not to be in and out of the department and must remain in the ED.

Compassionate considerations for palliative or critically ill patients will be the exception to visitor restrictions and at the discretion of the department staff.

Coronaviruses are spread mainly from person to person through close contact, for example, in a house-hold, workplace, or health care facility. You can make a difference by:

*Washing your hands thoroughly and often

*Cough or sneeze in your sleeve or a tissue

*Keep surfaces clean and disinfected

*Stay home if you are sick

Visitor Restrictions for Long Term Care and Queensway Place Residents:

The Espanola Nursing Home and QWP will be on lock down as of December 26th as per Minister Ford related to COVID-19. Families will be notified when we will return to our previous visiting protocol. Virtual visits are still available. The restrictions include: No residents will be able to leave the property until restrictions are lifted by the Director of Care. Exception is given to medical appointments.

Out-Patient Departments and the FHT will continue to operate and screening prior to appointments with booking and at entrance to building will occur.

The COVID-19 Assessment Centre continues to operate Monday to Friday 8am-4pm. Please call 869-1420 x 4500 if you require an appointment for testing.