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Expanding Visitor Access – A Phased Approach

Dear patient and family members,

Manitoba's high vaccine uptake and the decreasing level of transmission of the virus in our community are allowing for a phased loosening of visitor restrictions.

Within our facility, and across Manitoba, COVID-19 remains a significant area of focus and operational priority. We continue to take every preventative measure to reduce the risk of the virus to our patients, many of whom have pre-existing health conditions that put them at greater risk for severe illness.

We are very pleased to see the provincial situation stabilizing and look forward to once again welcoming family and friends. **Effective Wednesday, February 23, 2022, visitor access will gradually expand**, and this is what it means for you:

- You may identify **up to two Fully Vaccinated General Visitors** (*Fully vaccinated is an individual who has received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, with second dose received more than 14 days ago*).
- A maximum of one visitor will be permitted in the room at one time. We may approve an additional visitor where space permits and at the discretion of the care team.
- Visits must occur during visiting hours and do not include “come and go” access.
- Exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the care team.
- Based at the discretion of the care team, we may be unable to facilitate visits for certain patients.

Your care team will reach out to you to obtain the name of your general visitors. A breakdown of the changes is available at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-expanded-visitation-phase-one-details-acute.pdf>

Please ensure your visitors are informed of the following requirements:

- Visits must occur during visiting hours: 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.
- All visitors must show proof of vaccination status each time they enter and must follow all requirements: use of medical masks, hand hygiene, physical distancing, and enhanced cleaning/disinfection.



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Please note that the timing of the visitation changes at HSC Winnipeg may be different from the changes that apply to public settings and we will work to ensure you have up-to-date and accurate information.

Information on future expanded access will be shared updated at www.hsc.mb.ca/covid-19/. We will also continue to closely monitor COVID-19 activity in the community, as well as hospitalization rates, along with any outbreaks, as these may require some temporary changes to protect patients, staff and our community.

We ask for your patience and understanding as our teams adjust to these new – and evolving – requirements.