Family and Community COVID-19 Update
July 22, 2022

According to Public Health Ontario, hospital admissions are increasing in Wave 7 of COVID-19, with 405 the week of July 16, compared to 325 the previous week. Recent increases in cases may lead to increases in the number of severe outcomes reported in future weeks, as these outcomes are lagging indicators.

NEW CHANGE TO VISITING
To ensure we are doing everything as a hospital to protect our patients, staff and visitors, effectively immediately, eating and drinking is NOT permitted during visits at this time. In consultation with program staff, commercially produced and prepackaged/sealed foods that do not require refrigeration may be brought in for individual patient consumption on the program after the visit.

Most patients are permitted two visitors at a time and visits must be scheduled 72 hours in advance. Proof of vaccination for visitors is no longer required.

Visitors to the Horizon Program require screening at the door with negative rapid antigen tests - Horizon patients may have up to 4 visitors indoors and as many as can be accommodated outside given standard visiting practices.

All visitors must attest to COVID-related screening questions posted at all hospital entrances and wear appropriate personal protective equipment regardless of whether the visit takes place indoors or out.

ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE ON ACUTE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LEVEL 2 TOANCHE
The Acute Assessment Program on Level 2 Toanche remains in enhanced surveillance. All patients have tested negative and are reported to be doing well. It is anticipated the enhanced surveillance will be declared over early next week.

Patient visits are not permitted to the program at this time, and all admissions and passes have been suspended.

MASKS CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED AT WAYPOINT
Waypoint is committed to keeping patients, staff, and visitors safe through a continuation of mandatory masking for all staff and visitors within the hospital. Patients are encouraged to wear masks when off the unit and in the community.

Masking helps prevent the most vulnerable patients from contracting COVID-19. It can also prevent transmission of COVID-19 to health-care providers, keeping people healthy and at work. Masks are available at all Waypoint entrances.
**Resources for Patients and Families**
Supports for patients and families are available from our Spiritual Care Team, the Patient/Client and Family Council and the Patient Relations Office. More information can be found at [www.waypointcentre.ca/patients_families](http://www.waypointcentre.ca/patients_families)

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<td>Clinical Multifaith Chaplains and Traditional Healer</td>
<td>A peer-led organization committed to using personal experiences to improve mental health &amp; addiction services</td>
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