Family and Community COVID-19 Update
June 10, 2022

UNIVERSAL MASKING TO CONTINUE AT WAYPOINT
While masking requirements in other settings will expire on June 11, 2022, Waypoint is committed to keeping patients, staff, and visitors safe through a continuation of mandatory masking within the hospital.

Health experts have agreed continued use of masking in hospital settings remains a simple and necessary safeguard. 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. Hospitals across the province are challenged with Health Human Resources and all efforts must be made to prevent further transmission of COVID-19 within hospitals. Simcoe/Muskoka Medical Officer of Health Dr. Charles Gardner is also publicly encouraging the continuation of mask wearing indoors.

Staff, visitors and everyone arriving at all Waypoint locations will continue to be required to wear a surgical mask and patients continue to be encouraged to wear masks when off the unit and in the community. Masks are available at all Waypoint entrances.

REMINDER FOR VISITORS
Visits are permitted and must be scheduled 72 hours in advance. Proof of vaccination with QR code and photo ID is required for all visitors, or proof of medical exemption. Some limited exceptions apply such as palliative situations.

All visitors must check in with the hospital before a visit, pass COVID-related screening questions, and wear appropriate personal protective equipment regardless of whether the visit takes place indoors or out.

Eating and drinking is not allowed during visits. 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.

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

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