Family and Community COVID-19 Update
September 2, 2022

Waypoint is experiencing significant COVID-19 activity and we currently have three units in outbreak status and 3 units under enhanced surveillance. The enhanced surveillance on the Awenda A program was declared over on August 30, 2022. Currently, the Beausoleil A, Beausoleil B and FAP A programs are under enhanced surveillance, while Sans Souci, Beckwith A and Beckwith B have been declared in outbreak status.

In all cases, patients are reported to be doing well. Patients are remaining on the unit, and in-person visits and day and overnight passes have been suspended. Family members and friends are encouraged to talk with program staff about staying connected through telephone and virtual visiting.

**REMINDEER FOR VISITORS**
Visitors are still permitted for patients on other programs, and most patients are allowed 2 visitors.

With the on-going spread of COVID-19 in our communities, eating and drinking is NOT permitted during visits. 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.

All visits must be scheduled, indoors and out, at least 72 hours in advance. 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.

As COVID-19 activity continues to be reported in our communities, we urge you to get vaccinated, including third and fourth doses if eligible, wear a mask, physical distance and continue to be cautious about gathering in large groups. We can help each other and we can help the health care system by doing everything we can to stay healthy and help our loved ones stay healthy.

**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)