

Visitor Information:

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, and while keeping in alignment with recommendations from the Ministry of Health, Lake of the Woods District Hospital has taken precautions to keep all staff, patients and their families safe. This includes temporary changes to our Visitor Policy, including restricting the number of visitors permitted in the Hospital.

Purpose of Visitor Restrictions:

- Minimize the risk of infection for LWDH staff, patients and their families.
- Ensure preservation and conservation of the hospital's personal protective equipment (PPE).
- In compliance with the Quarantine Act, visitors who are self-isolating due to recent travel are NOT permitted to enter the hospital, even in extenuating circumstances.

How Many Visitors are Permitted?

Currently, one designated visitor will be identified by each admitted patient and allowed to visit.

What is a Designated Visitor?

Designated visitors are those deemed essential to the emotional wellbeing, health and quality of life of loved ones. In most cases, visitors should be a close family member and/or friend who have a clearly established pattern of involvement in providing care and support to the patient.

What Time are Visiting Hours?

Visiting hours are 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Visitor restrictions remain in place in the Emergency Department. Exceptions will be parents/guardians of minor children being treated. Any other exceptions to be determined by the unit manager or Nursing Supervisor on duty.

Visitor Screening and Masking

All designated visitors must bring and wear a mask upon entering the hospital. Visitors will be screened at the hospital's Main Lobby upon entry (please note, this is NOT the emergency entrance). Screening follows Ministry of Health guidelines and will involve answering questions related to COVID-19 symptoms, temperature check, as well as recent travel history. All visitors will be screened before being allowed in. Entrance to the hospital will be denied to anyone who fails the screening tool.

Visitors will identify which patient they are going to see, and be provided a visitor sticker to be worn while in the building. All visits will take place in the patient's room. Visitors are reminded to maintain physical distancing while in the hospital and are required to check out upon exit and return their visitor sticker.

Exceptions

Exceptions may be made for extended admissions and in extenuating circumstances and will be addressed on a case by case basis.