

EXTERNAL WEB

Guideline For Visitor Restrictions During COVID-19 Pandemic

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, Lake of the Woods District Hospital has taken precautions to keep all staff, patients and their families safe. It is no longer possible for us to operate as we normally do, and we must implement additional precautionary measures. This includes temporary changes to our Visitor Policy.

The purpose of the visitor restriction is to minimize the risk of infection for LWDH staff, patients and their families. At the same time, it helps us ensure the preservation and conservation of the hospital's personal protective equipment. (PPE)

Any exceptions will be assessed and approved by the unit manager or Nursing Supervisor.

Some special circumstances include:

- a) End of life
- b) Critically Ill
- c) Obstetrics
- d) Pediatrics
- e) Essential Care Partners
- f) Minor children in the Emergency Room

Approved visitors will be required to wash their hands, wear a face mask and pass the screening tool prior to entry.

In compliance with the Quarantine Act that requires by law that international travelers self-isolate for 14 days, visitors who are self-isolating due to recent travel are NOT permitted to enter the hospital, even in extenuating circumstances.

Lake of the Woods District Hospital thanks everyone for their patience and understanding. We fully recognize these restrictions may be an inconvenience and a source of frustration at this time.

We encourage you to stay in touch with patients through phone calls or videoconferencing.