



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

In order to help keep everyone safe and minimize the chance of transmission of infections during this pandemic, only one caregiver (a parent, guardian, or family representative) is allowed to accompany your child. Family caregivers will be screened before entering Children's Hospital, LHSC at designated entrances, and will not be allowed to enter if they are sick.

Until further notice and effective immediately:

- ONE family caregiver will be allowed to stay with child at bedside, whether in clinic, emergency department, or as an inpatient.
- Children admitted as inpatients may have two designated family caregivers, though only ONE may be on site at a time, including overnights. Only one family caregiver may be at the bedside in a 24-hour period.
- It will be expected that you stay at the bedside and only leave when essential and necessary.
- Again, only those who have been screened daily will be permitted at the bedside.
- Siblings are not permitted. We appreciate that this requires you to make childcare arrangements for any siblings, and we are so thankful for your support in doing so.
- Visitors are not permitted.

Given the seriousness of this pandemic, it is important that designated caregivers refrain from coming to Children's Hospital, LHSC if they are feeling unwell or displaying symptoms such as fever or cough. Rest assured, Children's Hospital will find extra support for your child if you are unable to be onsite due to sickness. Those that become unwell while at the bedside will be asked and expected to go home.

It is essential that all families, visitors and staff practice excellent hand hygiene. **Hand washing** is the single most important way to prevent infection.

Thank you for your cooperation during this time.