

Hospital Prenatal and Obstetrical Care Visitation Update

In a continued gradual approach to resumption of visits at our hospitals, Riverside has updated its Acute Care Visitation procedure to accommodate additional visitors for prenatal ultrasounds and labouring patients. These changes are effectively immediately.

Patients requiring a prenatal ultrasound will now be able to designate one (1) person to accompany them to an appointment.

Labouring patients can have two (2) designated support persons with them during the labouring phase.

Riverside recognizes that physical distancing may not be possible or may be challenging for prenatal and obstetrical care, therefore visitation protocols require strict adherence. Visitors will be screened every time they come to the hospital. To protect everyone, visitors will be given a medical grade procedure mask upon arrival and must wear this mask at all times. Visitors are required to clean their hands with sanitizer when entering and exiting the facility as well as exam or patient rooms.

“We value the role of family members, loved ones and other care providers as essential partners in care delivery to our patients. Through this pandemic Riverside has remained committed to patient centred care in our hospitals and we continue to make every effort to ensure those needs are met while preventing the spread of infectious diseases.” stated Julie Loveday, Vice President of Clinical Services & CNE.

Riverside remains committed to ensuring a safe environment for everyone entering our hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to advise visitors who feel unwell, but do not require care to avoid coming to a hospital.

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