## Family Presence Guidelines within the Ontario COVID-19 Response Framework

Objective	Prevent (Standard Measures)Protect (Strengthened Measures)	Restrict (Intermediate Measures)	Control (Stringent Measures)	Lockdown (Maximum Measures)
	<ul> <li>Essential Caregivers</li> <li>No more than two (2) essential caregivers visiting a patient at a time.</li> <li>Essential caregivers must: <ul> <li>Schedule visiting;</li> <li>Pass the screening;</li> <li>Wear a mask;</li> <li>Limit movement throughout hospital.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Overnight visits determined at the discretion of the clinical care team, in consultation with the patient.</li> <li>General Visitors <ul> <li>One (1) visitor at a time; no more</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Essential Caregivers <ul> <li>No more than two (2) essential caregivers visiting a patient at a time.</li> <li>Essential caregivers must: <ul> <li>Schedule visiting;</li> <li>Pass the screening;</li> <li>Wear a mask;</li> <li>Limit movement throughout hospital.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Overnight visits determined at the discretion of the clinical care team, in consultation with the patient.</li> </ul></li></ul>	<ul> <li>caregivers per patient; only one (1) visiting at a time.</li> <li>Essential caregivers must: <ul> <li>Schedule visiting;</li> <li>Pass the screening;</li> <li>Wear a hospital-issued mask and additional PPE as indicated by a member of the health care team</li> <li>Maintain physical distancing during visit;</li> <li>Restrict movement throughout hospital.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Essential caregivers assessed and may be permitted to visit based on discussion with the manager and clinical care team.
Visiting Practice	<ul> <li>One (1) visitor at a time, no more than three (3) visitors designated per patient.</li> <li>In-person visiting allowed only for patients exceeding a 2-day stay.</li> <li>Visitors must pass screening and wear a mask.</li> <li>Visitors designated by patient/substitute decision maker in communication with clinical care team.</li> <li>Visitors must be over the age of 18.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>One (1) visitor at a time; no more than one (1) visitor designated per patient.</li> <li>In-person visiting allowed only for patients exceeding a 2-day stay.</li> <li>Visitors must pass screening and wear a mask.</li> <li>Visitors designated by patient/substitute decision maker in communication with clinical care team.</li> <li>Visitors must be over the age of 18.</li> </ul>	<b>General visiting suspended</b> as part of measures to control transmission.	<b>General visiting</b> <i>suspended</i> as part of <i>measures to control</i> <i>transmission.</i>

## Definitions

**Essential Caregiver:** An individual whose presence has been deemed necessary for the safety and well-being of a patient and/or a patient who would otherwise be at risk if the essential caregiver were not present. (i.e. pediatric patients, patients in labour and delivery, palliative or actively dying patients, patients with cognitive or physical impairment). **General Visitor:** An individual who has been approved to enter the hospital to visit a patient within pre-determined visiting times.