





Media Release

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NO VISITOR POLICY REINSTATED AT HOSPITALS; LIMITED EXCEPTIONS ONLY

WINDSOR and LEAMINGTON, ON. – Based on rapidly rising case rates for COVID-19 and active outbreaks at two campuses, Windsor Regional Hospital, Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare and Erie Shores Healthcare are reinstituting a NO VISITOR POLICY at all of our locations, effective 12:01 am, Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020.

This difficult decision is intended as a precaution to keep patients, families and our health care teams safe as transmission rates rise and risk a crisis point for hospitals. High patient volumes throughout our system and reduced bed capacity is challenging the entire regional health care system and we must do what we can to limit the opportunity for further spread of the COVID-19 virus.

LIMITED exceptions to the no visitors policy are in place at each institution. Please refer to the following links for organization-specific policy exceptions and further information specific to each campus:

- Windsor Regional Hospital: https://www.wrh.on.ca/COVID19-Visitation
- Hotel-Dieu Grace Healthcare: https://www.hdgh.org/patientvisitation
- Erie Shores Healthcare: https://www.erieshoreshealthcare.ca/ click on 'Current Visitor Policy'

We appreciate your understanding while we work to keep protect our community and our keep our hospital system functioning.

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