

February 23, 2022

Dear Patient/Family,

### **Expanding Visitor Access – A Phased Approach**

Manitoba's high vaccine uptake and the decreasing level of transmission of the virus in our communities are allowing for a phased loosening of visitor restrictions.

Within our facility, and across Manitoba, COVID-19 remains a significant area of focus and operational priority. We continue to take every preventative measure to reduce the risk of the virus to our patients, many of whom have pre-existing health conditions that put them at greater risk for severe illness.

We are very pleased to see the provincial situation stabilizing and look forward to once again welcoming family and friends. Visitor access will expand gradually over the next several weeks and we thank you for your patience, cooperation and respect for the guidelines as they change.

Please note that the timing of the changes may be different from the changes that apply to public settings and we will work to ensure you have up-to-date and accurate information related to visitation in our facility.

Our collective goal is to keep COVID-19 out of health care facilities wherever possible and to minimize spread within the facility for both the safety of our patients and the protection of our workforce.

While changes to visitor access will not happen all at once, effective **Thursday, February 24, 2022**, the first phase of expanded visitor access will occur with visiting hours of **9:00am to 8:30pm**.

A breakdown of the changes is available at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-expanded-visitation-phase-one-details-acute.pdf>.

Information on future expanded access will be shared here (<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-acute-general-visit-faqs-family.pdf>) and on social media channels:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SharedHealthMB>

Facebook: <https://fb.me/sharedhealthmanitoba>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/sharedhealthmb/>



We will also continue to closely monitor COVID activity in the community, as well as hospitalization rates, along with any outbreaks, as these may require some temporary changes to protect patients, staff, and our community.

We ask for your patience and understanding as our teams adjust to these new – and evolving – requirements.

Sincerely,

Victoria Hospital