

Guidelines for Social Visitors

We are very pleased to be able to begin expanding visitor access for **fully vaccinated*** visitors and patients. General visits to patients in hospital may occur under certain conditions. These changes come into effect at St. Boniface Hospital on Thursday, June 24. Social visiting hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily ONLY.

*have received both doses (any combination) of an approved two-dose COVID-19 vaccine (AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Moderna), with more than 14 days having passed since the second dose was received.

Essential Care Partners and special circumstances

Essential care partners have been vital since the start of the pandemic. Access for essential care partners, regardless of vaccination status, continues as before. There is no change in this regard.

Throughout the pandemic, exceptions have been made and will continue to be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the care team. For example, partners of laboring mothers and family in end-of-life situations have been allowed to be with patients. There is no change in this regard.

Social Visitors

Social visits are social in nature by individuals not involved in the care of the patient. These visits can now occur under the following conditions:

- **Visitors must first be put on a list as identified by the patient**
- Social visits are allowed only in GREEN zones, that is, on units with no Covid patients.
- Both the patient and the visitor must be fully vaccinated.
- A maximum of two (2) visitors at a time unless unit staff determine space allows only for one
- Patients may identify up to 4 social visitors. Each social visitor may access the hospital no more than once per day.

Visitors must show proof that they have been fully vaccinated for Covid-19 [have received both doses (any combination) of an approved two-dose COVID-19 vaccine (AstraZeneca, Pfizer, Moderna), with more than 14 days having passed since the second dose was received] by providing one of the following:

- Paper copy of Manitoba immunization card. You may request a card at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/vaccine/immunization-record.html>
- Online confirmation of vaccine record through the Shared Health Online Results Portal <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/test-results/> or
- Printed copy of vaccine record available through the Shared Health Online Results Portal <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/test-results/>

AND

- Photo ID (for example, a driver's license)

Visitors from other provinces will need to provide proof of vaccination from their province.

- Visitors must still wear a mask and any other personal protective equipment (PPE), as requested by staff, and physically distance a minimum of 2 metres from one another.

The care team will further consider other factors including the size of the room, other patients in the room, and limitations to the number of visits that can occur at the same time on the unit.

More detailed information is available from the Shared Health website

<https://sharedhealthmb.ca/files/covid-19-acute-general-visit-faqs-family.pdf>

We recognize the importance of visits to the well-being and recovery of our patients. We thank you for your patience and consideration as we work to ensure social visits to patients are safe for everyone.



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