



HORNEPAYNE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

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VISITOR POLICY FOR OUR LONG-TERM CARE UNIT

1. The Family Council has monthly meetings
2. The Residents Council has monthly meetings
3. Activities are scheduled: see Daily Calendar posted in the unit.

| <u>INDOOR VISITS/OUTDOOR VISITS *except palliative/critically ill</u> | |
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| Requirements | What to do |
| NO maximum visitors (essential and general visitors) allowed at the same time. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visits can be scheduled in advance for larger groups and allow space for comfort and a safe distance. • Suggested to wear a mask, but it is not mandatory. |
| Visits can be prearranged, especially if you are from out of town. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 807-868-2442 Ext. #5119 and leave a message with your name, phone number, and the date you would like to visit. • Visiting hours are 7 days a week from 10 AM-8 PM * |
| Every visitor must be signed in at the front. Please follow our guidance, requirements, and respect our policies to ensure a safe home. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please sign the Visitor log at the Hospital Entrance • Please follow signage and inform Nursing staff who you are visiting after hours: 4 PM-8 PM and on weekends. |
| Every visitor must self-screen for any respiratory symptoms or gastrointestinal (GI) symptoms; DO NOT ENTER the LTC unit until you have symptom improvement as indicated. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is each visitor's responsibility to self-screen and not visit until symptoms, ie, respiratory, have improved for 24 hours, or gastro-intestinal issues for 48 hrs. • If you have tested positive for COVID-19 or any other testing, please report to the Director of Care at ext. #5123 if you have visited our LTC unit in the past 5 days. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respiratory Illness SEASON: Suggestion: <i>wear a surgical/procedural mask in the hallways and common areas if not eating/drinking, for the duration of their visit.</i> • You will be guided through surge learning education, supported by signage, and further education if needed. IPAC (Infection Prevention and Control Practices) and proper use of PPE will be offered. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is still recommended that visitors/caregivers wear a surgical mask during the respiratory illness season. You may take a surgical/procedural mask upon entry to the building. • Follow proper instructions for applying and removing the surgical mask. The mask must cover your mouth and nose. • Hand sanitizer is to be used before and after applying and removing the mask, and each time you touch your face or mask. • Please change your home mask to a surgical mask upon entry to the home. • Charlene Atherton #5134 with any Infection Control (IPAC) questions. If you have any questions related to our practices, please reach out to any staff member, and they will direct your questions. |

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| VACCINATIONS | <p style="color: red;">STAYING UP TO DATE WITH CURRENT COVID-19, FLU, AND RSV VACCINATIONS CAN HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES.</p> |
| <p><u>VISITORS AND ESSENTIAL CAREGIVERS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Be aware of screening and masking policies for the setting (masking is recommended but no longer required during non-outbreak routine) ✓ Comply with any masking/PPE requirements as appropriate during outbreaks or if the resident is on Additional Precautions ✓ Avoid non-essential visits to anyone who is immunocompromised or at higher risk of illness (senior) for 10 days following symptom onset and/or positive test date (whichever is sooner) ✓ <u>If a visit cannot be avoided, wear a medical mask, maintain physical distancing, and notify the setting of any recent illness or positive test.</u> ✓ Postpone any non-essential visits to residents who are symptomatic and/or self-isolating or in an outbreak. | |
| <p><u>VIDEO CHATS</u></p> | |
| <p>NOTE: Video Chats To schedule a Video Chat Visit, call: 807-868-2442 Ext. 5119 and leave a message with your name and phone number.</p> | |

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Use hand sanitizer on entry and exit☺. Use hand sanitizer before and after you touch your face or mask. Use hand sanitizer after you touch any items in the room.
- Cover your cough/sneeze into your elbow. Change mask if necessary☺
- **NOTE: YOU CAN STILL have COVID-19 regardless of immunization, we recommend staying up-to-date.**

***It is essential to understand that the Hornepayne Community Hospital will follow all directives issued by the Ministry of Long-Term Care and the Northeastern Public Health, which are subject to change before reviewing this document. Please look for the MEMO with the most recent INFORMATION

****If COVID-19 is present in the community or an outbreak occurs (2 cases) at the Hospital/LTC, we will decide on access to the LTC unit, and a communication will be sent via Facebook and signage at the front entrance of the Hospital.

*All visits and community activities COULD be cancelled except for Essential Caregivers, and if the resident you are visiting is deemed palliative or critically ill.

*****If you have any questions regarding visiting, please call our hospital main line **807-868-2442**, Brenda's #5123 during business hours, or you may leave a message to be returned the next day.

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