

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## Keeping You Safe



To: All Hospital Staff and Professional Staff

From: Dr. Stewart Kennedy, COVID-19 Incident Manager

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RE: Patient Movement within the Hospital

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The health and safety of all staff, professional staff, patients and the community is our utmost priority. As part of our Recovery Plan and the easing of current restrictions the following new guidelines for patient movement within the Hospital are effective immediately.

Patients who are positive or suspect COVID-19 are not permitted to leave their inpatient room unless required for medical care.

Patients who are not positive for COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to supply their own facemask and must comply with the following:

- The patient **must** perform hand hygiene and don a procedure mask prior to exiting their room;
- The patient **must** wear the mask the entire time they are outside of their room;
- Patients are not required to wear a mask in the common areas of Forensics Mental Health, Adult Mental Health and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit (CAMHU). These patients are required to wear a mask outside of their respective unit;
- Masks are recommended but not required for Paediatric patients while at the hospital;
- The patient **may**:
  - Ambulate throughout the Hospital for purposes of appointments or procedures outside of their admitted room with the accompaniment of a porter or staff member;
  - Patient **must** immediately return to their room when the appointment is complete with the accompaniment of a porter or staff member;
  - Ambulate within the common space of the patient's unit;
- Patient **may not**:
  - Exit the hospital;
  - Loiter or sit in other places in the Hospital;
  - Enter other inpatient areas of the Hospital;
  - Enter the room of another admitted inpatient;
  - Enter any patient care area where they do not have an appointment or procedure;
  - Visit the cafeteria or Robins Donuts.

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Essential Care Partners **must** wear their own face mask at all times, travel directly to and from the patient room, and remain in the room for the duration of their visit;

Each unit is responsible for enforcing these guidelines. Hospital staff should use their clinical judgement in the enforcement of mask use.

Thank you for your commitment to safe and quality health care for our patients, families and community.

For more information, please contact your supervisor.

All Hospital COVID-19 updates are available on the iNtranet at <https://comms.tbrhsc.net/covid-19-information/>.

More information is also available at <https://files.ontario.ca/moh-coronavirus-info-sheet-english-2020-02-18.pdf>.