



W&C Program Repatriation Guidelines

June 26, 2020

Purpose:

Identify process for managing parents returning with hospitalized children from outside of Northwestern Ontario

Process:

1. Essential Care Partners (ECPs) who have travelled outside NWO to accompany a patient that is now being repatriated will be allowed for inpatients who meet the ECP criteria as detailed in the Visitor and Care Partner recommendations. These ECPs are only allowed if they pass all screening criteria except for "Travel outside of NWO". If any other screening criteria are failed, the ECP is not allowed. If the patient does not meet the ECP criteria, their CP who traveled with them is not allowed as they will fail the travel portion of screening and are not essential to the patient's care. This process will remain in place when the hospital moves to allow Care Partners (CPs) for all patients.
2. ECPs will need to be screened prior to arrival onsite and instructed to perform good hand hygiene
3. ECPs returning from outside NWO do not require a swab, however may be swabbed at the Assessment Centre if in agreement.
4. ECPs will be allowed in all W&C departments, including NICU.
5. It is strongly recommended that ECPs wear their own mask and it is mandatory to wear a mask at all times while in NICU
6. ECPs are required to go directly to their child's room and are requested to remain in the room until they leave
7. ECPs will be screened daily upon entering the hospital or if remaining overnight, will be screened by the unit nursing staff
8. If at any time the ECP becomes symptomatic, they will be asked to leave and directed to contact Public Health to arrange to be tested. They will not be permitted to return until they have been medically cleared
 - a. Report this occurrence to IPAC
9. Special circumstance swabbing can be arranged by contacting Jackie Park at parkj@tbh.net