



Bermuda Hospitals Board

COVID-19 Visiting Restrictions in the Acute Care Units

Bermuda Hospitals Board has entered the first phase of relaxing visiting requirements as it monitors the ongoing threat from the COVID-19 pandemic. In April, BHB had closed to visitors, other than for end-of-life, births and unwell children. As the COVID-19 incidence in Bermuda has remained low as Bermuda has started to open up, BHB has taken a first step in allowing limited visitation so that patients can receive support of their loved ones.

The following requirements are for the acute care units only in the Acute Care Wing and General Wing. Maternity, Intensive Care Unit, Long Term Care Units and Group Homes have different visiting restrictions in place.

Who can visit?

- **Two people** will be identified by each patient. Only these two people can visit. In private rooms in the Acute Care Wing (Ace Barber, Ascendant Partner Re, Catlin Lindo), the two people can visit together or separately. On Curtis Ward, where there are public and semi-public rooms, only one person can visit at a time.

When can I visit?

- **Your visit must be between 12 noon and 6pm** and can be up to two hours.

How long can I visit?

- **The two designated support people can visit once a day up to two hours.**

Why is there a limit of only two people visiting patients during their stay?

- **Visitation is restricted to two people so that we can maintain the required physical distancing** to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe.

What is the process for visiting an acute care ward?

- You must be on the designated support person list for the patient you want to visit. If you don't know, speak to the patient or family.
- Go the front desk in the Acute Care Wing to request access to the ward. They will check your name against the list of designated people.
- Once you have been checked against the list, you will be allowed to go up to the ward.

Visiting Requirements

People will only be allowed to visit if they comply with the following:



Masks must be worn at all times around the hospital and in patient rooms



Maintain physical distance at all times, including with the patient.



Patient must have designated you as one of his or her two support people.



Wash your hands regularly and well on entry and exit to the hospital, ward and patient room, and in between as necessary (touching surfaces, etc).



Only use public restrooms. Do not use patient restrooms.



Patients on isolation for any reason can not receive visitors.