

## Information for Essential Care Partners

As partners in care, you have an important role in helping keep our hospital safe. Please read the information below and visit **sinaihealth.ca/covid19** or contact the care team for more information.

## What you need to know:

- The Government of Ontario's announcement related to lifting public health requirements includes a condition that high-risk settings, like hospitals, can and should maintain infection prevention and control measures.
- Essential care partners must continue to wear a mask and show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination and personal identification to visit a patient or accompany a patient to a clinic appointment.
- Patients need to designate essential care partners and alternates. Children under 12 cannot visit unless an exception has been approved in advance for special circumstances.
- Essential care partners who have 24-hour access should wear their identification badge at all times.
- You are asked to check in with the care team when arriving on the unit. If visiting a patient on Additional Precautions (there will be a sign on the door to the patient's room), you'll need to wear additional protective equipment.
- Essential care partners should check out with the screeners on the Main Floor of the hospital at the end of each visit.
- Essential care partners must strictly follow hospital protocols. If you do not, you may be asked to leave.

## Everyone will be screened prior to entrance.

**Do not visit** a patient if you have COVID-19, are waiting for COVID-19 test results, or anyone you live with has COVID-19.

Do not visit if you are feeling unwell with any symptoms of illness.

If you have travelled out of the country in the last 14 days, you must follow the return from travel requirements of the Canadian government before being permitted entry.

## Help keep our hospitals safe during your visit with these steps



Wear the mask provided to you at all times, including when you are at the bedside. Wear the mask properly so that it covers your nose and mouth.



Practice physical distancing and keep two metres from others. Stay at the patient's bedside. Do not go into other patient rooms or common areas.



Clean your hands often for at least 15 seconds.



Do not eat and drink while you visit, this includes in patient rooms, waiting rooms or common areas.



Get your COVID-19 vaccine