

No visitors allowed at Horizon hospitals and health care facilities

*The following Public Service Announcement will be shared with media this afternoon
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Due to the high number of COVID-19 transmissions and hospitalizations across New Brunswick, Horizon Health Network (Horizon) has implemented enhanced visitor restrictions.

Effective Friday, Oct. 8, there will be **NO VISITORS ALLOWED** at Horizon hospitals and health care facilities.

"The safety of patients, clients, staff and physicians remains our number one priority," said Dr. John Dornan, Horizon's interim President and CEO. "Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic our guidelines have limited the risk of COVID-19 in our facilities. By limiting the number of people in our facilities through visitor restrictions, we are reducing the chance of COVID-19 infecting our patients, clients, staff and physicians."

Some exceptions are in place for certain patients, including patients who are eligible for a designated support person (DSP). All DSPs must:

- Monitor for COVID-19 symptoms before each visit. Symptomatic persons are NOT permitted.
- Take part in active screening before entering.
- Wear a mask, wash their hands and only go to their loved one's room.

The following patient populations are eligible for a DSP:

- End of Life - Palliative Care
- Obstetrics (Labour and Delivery, Postpartum)
- Neonatal
- Intensive Care/Critical Care Units
- Pediatrics
- Patients who have been in hospital for 14 days or longer
- Patients with intellectual / communication impairments (cognitive impairment leading to agitation and inability to console; communication impairment which affects care)

As well, patients visiting an Emergency Department and outpatient clinics who require assistance may have one support person only.

Horizon's hospitals and health care facilities included in these restrictions are:

- [Charlotte County Hospital](#) in St. Stephen
- [Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital](#) in Fredericton
- [Grand Manan Hospital](#)
- [Hotel-Dieu of St. Joseph](#) in Perth-Andover
- [Miramichi Regional Hospital](#)
- [Oromocto Public Hospital](#)
- [Sackville Memorial Hospital](#)
- [Saint John Regional Hospital](#)
- [St. Joseph's Hospital](#) in Saint John
- [Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation](#) in Fredericton
- [Sussex Health Centre](#)
- [The Moncton Hospital](#)
- [Upper River Valley Hospital](#) in Waterville