

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19
COMMITTEE**

**Bulletin #159a – COVID-19 – ID-IPC – Support Persons for Outpatient Services – Aug
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Support persons for outpatient services

One support person is permitted to accompany outpatients **who require assistance with decision making, communication, physical and emotional support.**

Outpatient services include clinical, diagnostic, and therapeutic medical treatment / care / services that do not require admission to hospital.

This guideline is in alignment with the provincial [Regional Health Authority Designated Support Person Guidelines](#).

Beginning immediately, one support person can be present in the exam room for the second part of the Diagnostic Imaging obstetrical ultrasounds exam (viewing).

It is noted there may be circumstances where physical distancing with other patients within clinical areas will not allow for the support person to be present.

In this case, staff will communicate this to the patient and their support person, and discuss options based on patient need.