

# Bulletin #206: COVID-19 Information

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#### [Updated IPC Guidance for Designated Support Persons \(DSPs\)](#)

Effective Monday, July 11th, 2022 **proof of vaccination** will no longer be required for DSPs and Social Visitors.

It is strongly recommended that all DSPs and Social Visitors be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines. Up to date means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses, including any booster dose(s) when eligible. Although lower vaccine effectiveness resulting in breakthrough infections has been demonstrated, vaccines have been proven to reduce the incidence of severe illness, hospitalization or death.

The vaccination requirement for DSPs and Social Visitors will continue to be monitored and reinstated if necessary. Please refer to [DSP Program](#) document.

#### [Number of Visitors and/or DSPs Present at a time during the IPC Orange Phase](#)

Effective Monday, July 11th, 2022, inpatients can have up to 2 DSPs and/or Visitors present at one time. Please refer to the [DSP Support Visitation Table](#).

#### [Number of DSPs Present at a time for patients at end of life – All Phases](#)

Effective Monday, July 11th, 2022, 5 DSPs will be permitted at one time for patients at end of life with the opportunity to grant exceptions based on a review of the patient/family's individual circumstances and physical space limitations. No limits will be placed on the number DSPs identified by each patient. Please refer to the [DSP Support Visitation Table](#).

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### Increased movement of DSPs on inpatient units

During IPC Orange Phase there are no restrictions for HCW movement within a facility, therefore the same practice would apply to DSPs. In Orange Phase, DSPs can accompany a patient off an inpatient unit.

### Recreation activities/live music on long term care units/facilities

Recreational activities and live performers will be permitted in LTC units and facilities during the IPC Orange Phase. These activities will be organized following safe IPC practices such as; physical distancing, masking, and hand hygiene.



### **New:** IPC Guidance – Hair Salons – All Phases

An IPC guidance *Infection Prevention & Control Guidelines: Hair Salons – All Phases* document was developed to replace the current Operational Plans for Hair Salons posted to Skyline. This document provides a high-level overview of the IPC precautions required to operationalize an onsite hair salon.



### **Revised:** IPC Guidance Chart COVID-19 – All Phases

The [guidance document](#) has been revised to include:

- Rapid COVID-19 testing using the GeneXpert platform will be performed for patients meeting the following criteria:
  - All patients being admitted including admissions to Addiction Services unless previously positive in the last 90 days.
- Repeat testing would only be conducted on those who are symptomatic or who identify a new risk factor.
- Patients tested in last 48-72hrs as part of pre-op testing will not require repeat testing.

Please visit the [IPC Resources COVID-19 Skyline page](#) for COVID-19 information

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