VISITING PATIENT ONLY INSIDE THEIR ROOM

To control an outbreak and minimize the potential spread of infection, approved visitation is allowed only in a patient's room.

WHO SHOULD NOT VISIT

Those experiencing any of the following symptoms should not visit the hospital:

- Respiratory symptoms: fever, cough, congestion, runny nose, sneezing, headache and/or muscle aches
- Gastrointestinal symptoms: fever, diarrhea, abdominal pain, nausea and/or vomiting

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT INFECTION CONTROL AT 416.762.7316, EXT.2238.

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Outbreak Management:

Information for families and visitors

RUNNYMEDE STAFF continually monitor patients for respiratory and gastrointestinal infections to prevent an outbreak. If an outbreak occurs, signage is posted at all hospital entrances, elevators, and on the affected patient floor to provide important safety measures.

The Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) team works in collaboration with Toronto Public Health to prevent and control outbreaks through the use of best practices, which keep our patients, staff, and visitors safe.

TAKE CAUTION WHEN VISITING

Depending on the severity of the outbreak, the hospital may implement visitor restrictions as a measure to protect our patients, control the outbreak and minimize the potential spread of infections.

Runnymede is pleased to offer free Wi-Fi so you can use a personal device to:

- Have face-to-face video chats with loved ones
- Share updates with family and friends
- Explore areas of interest on the internet

Don't have a device?
Please call ext. 2224 and a member of our activation therapy team will help you access a device and provide support, if needed.

FOLLOW SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

If visitation is allowed during an outbreak, upon arrival to the patient floor, visitors should speak to a staff member at the nursing station who will provide them with directions on the precautions that must be followed to ensure both the patient's and visitor's safety.

This could include:

THE USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Such as gloves, gown, mask and protective eyewear, if required.



KEEPING HANDS CLEAN

Visitors should practice good hand hygiene to help control the spread of infections.

Clean your hands often, especially when:

- entering the hospital
- before and after visiting a patient's room
- after blowing your nose
- before eating
- after using the washroom
- when leaving the hospital



Please use soap and water or use the alcohol-based hand rub that is available throughout the hospital.

MASKING

During respiratory outbreaks (such as COVID-19, influenza, RSV, and others), procedure masks are mandatory on the outbreak unit and should be worn inside and outside the patient's room at all times.

NO OUTSIDE FOOD

For the safety and well-being of patients during an outbreak, no outside food is allowed on the outbreak-affected unit.



