

ESSENTIAL VISITATION AT THE CEDARS

Essential visits include:

- Visits for compassionate care such as critical illness, palliative care, hospice care, end of life and Medical Assistance in Dying.
- Visits paramount for physical care and mental well being, including:
 - Assistance with feeding, mobility and personal care.
 - Communication assistance for persons with hearing, visual, speech, linguistics, cognitive, intellectual or memory impairments.
 - Assistance by designated representatives for persons with disabilities, including provision of emotional support.
 - Assistance with communication device set up and repair.
- Visits for supported decision making for persons with disabilities or cognitive impairment.
- Police, correctional officers and peace officers accompanying a person for security reasons.

Dawson Heights management, guided by Ministry of Health guidelines, will determine if a visit is essential. Approved visitors will be placed on the Approved Essential Visitors list and will be communicated to the Greeters and Front Desk personnel.

Essential visits need not be scheduled in advance once approved. A person can have more than one essential visitor but only one visitor is allowed at a time (except for palliative and end of life care).

As per the provincial guidelines, all visitors are required to:

- Wear a mask at all times.
- Sanitize hands upon entry.
- Maintain a 2 metre physical distance wherever possible.
- Avoid common areas.

The Cedars will not be allowing any visitors during meal times (except for palliative and end of life care)

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