

Staff Management of Essential Caregiver Presence for Palliative Patients during COVID-19

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	Non Outbreak	Outbreak (Non-COVID-19 Positive Patient/Non-Variant) Additional Infection Control Measures are in place	COVID-19 Positive Patient or under investigation / Non Variant Additional infection control measures are in place
Presence Request	Scheduled with Unit	Manager Approval (IPAC review)	Manager Approval (IPAC review)
Essential Caregiver(s)	can be a family member, friend or neighbour who provides support, assistance and care in any capacity (16 years of age or older)	can be a family member, friend or neighbour who provides support, assistance and care in any capacity (16 years of age or older)	can be a family member, friend or neighbour who provides support, assistance and care in any capacity (16 years of age or older)
Staff Support Required		PPE Training for Essential Caregivers, Audit(s) of donning and doffing required	PPE Training for Essential Caregivers, Audit(s) of donning and doffing required
HPHA Entry	Screening Required	Screening Required	Screening Required
Patient Status and Essential Caregiver presence	PPS equal to or less than 20% 2-3 Essential Caregiver 24/7	PPS less than or equal to 20% 2 Essential Caregivers	PPS less than or equal to 10% 2-3 Essential Caregivers
		4hr attendance across a 24/7 timeframe.	30-min attendance across a 24/7 timeframe
		If imminent end of life expected, HCP judgement to be used	No attendance in active AGMP spaces
Bedside Numbers	1-2 at a time	1-2 at a time	1-2 at a time
Required PPE	Hand Hygiene PPE: Mask	Hand Hygiene PPE: Mask/Eye Protection/gown/gloves	Hand Hygiene PPE: Mask/Eye Protection/gown/gloves



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Physical Distancing	2 metre physical distancing to be maintained at all times	2 metre physical distancing to be maintained at all times	2 metre physical distancing to be maintained at all times
Movement within Hospital	No In/Out privilege Direct to patient's room	No In/Out privilege Direct to patient's room and remain in	No In/Out privilege Direct to patient's room and remain in
поѕрітаі	Can attend cafeteria	room for stay Private Room required	room for stay Private room required
Food/Drink	No Essential Caregiver consumption of food/drink in patient room	No Essential Caregiver consumption of Food/Drink in patient room	No Essential Caregiver consumption of Food/Drink in patient room
Departure	Depart site immediately following visit	Depart site immediately following visit	Depart site immediately following visit

Notes:

- Palliative Patients and COVID-19 Essential Caregiver Presence is subject to change.
- Where Public Health has advised of a variant in the region, Essential Caregiver presence will not be permitted until confirmation that Outbreak or COVID-19 patient is not a variant-related carrier. This confirmation could require 3-5 days.

Reviewed and endorsed by HPHA Patient & Caregiver Partners