



Appendix B: Safe Family Presence at a Glance in Acute Care

Recovery Phase: A Safe Progression to Open Family Presence	Frequency of Family Presence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No limits on the number of essential family/support persons or visitors designated/patient. • Follow SHA Guidelines for screening, personal protective equipment and distancing. • Timing of in-person visits may be subject to scheduling limitations of the unit. • Two essential family/support persons can present at a time indoors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NOTE Up to four essential family/support persons can be present at the same time in: intensive care; maternal, postpartum and pediatric units; end-of-life or palliative care. • No limit on the amount of family/support persons or visitors present at a time outdoors. 	Daily, no limit on length of time essential family/support persons spend with the patient. Scheduling requirements decided by each unit.
Level 1: Pandemic Restrictions	Frequency of Family Presence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two essential family/support persons can be designated for each patient. • One person present at a time indoors. No limits on persons present at a time outdoors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NOTE More than two essential family/support persons can be designated for patient in: intensive care; end-of-life or palliative care. * Unless area in temporary surge. ○ NOTE Two essential family/support persons can be present at the same time in: intensive care; maternal, postpartum and pediatric units; end-of-life or palliative care. * Unless area in temporary surge. 	Daily, as can be accommodated by the care team.
Level 2: Increased Pandemic Restrictions	Frequency of Family Presence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One essential family/support person can be designated for each patient. • One person can be present at a time indoors. No limits on persons present at a time outdoors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NOTE More than two essential family/support persons can be designated for patient in: intensive care; end-of-life or palliative care. * Unless area in temporary surge. ○ NOTE Two essential family/support persons can be present at the same time in: intensive care; maternal, postpartum and pediatric units; end-of-life or palliative care. * Unless area in temporary surge. 	Daily, as can safely be accommodated by the care team. Reduced frequency or staggered presence may be needed.
Level 3: Highest Pandemic Restrictions	Frequency of Family Presence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In consultation with the care team, one essential family/support can be designated to assist with care if needed (self-care, mobility, nutrition & behavioural needs). • Options for outdoor visits to be determined in consultation with local MHOs. <p>Two essential family/support members (* unless area in temporary surge) can be present at the same time for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Palliative care, hospice care or those who are high risk for loss of life/had a dramatic shift in function/are unlikely to leave the hospital; and ○ Patients in: intensive care; maternal, postpartum and pediatric units. 	Daily, as can safely be accommodated by the care team. Reduced frequency or staggered presence may be needed.

All levels: consult care team re: children attending in person. Children must attend with an essential family support person.

***NEW Temporary Surge Restrictions Oct. 11/21: Critical Care Units (ICU, ICU surge, cardiac care, cardiosciences):** two essential family/support persons can be designated with one present at a time. End-of-Life or Palliative Care: more than two essential family/support persons can be designated and two can be present at the same time. Maternal, Postpartum and Pediatric Units: two essential family/support persons can be present at the same time. Support phone/virtual connections with family where possible.