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 - » Emergency Department
 - » Outpatient Department
 - » Ward C3 West
 - » Medical Day Unit
 - » Short Stay Surgical Unit
- Two carers per patient permitted in all other ward areas (space permitting and at the discretion of the nurse in charge).
- Most siblings are unable to visit due to essential physical distancing requirements and space limitations. Exceptions will be made for siblings of a long stay or frequently attending patient. These siblings can only visit if they are well and have a pre-arranged visit facilitated by the ward's Nurse Unit Manager.
- ALL visitors be screened upon entry and must stay home if sick or if they have visited a COVID-19 case location in the last 14 days.
- Visitors over the age of 12 wear a mask in the Emergency Department or if they have respiratory symptoms.
- Physical distancing guidelines be maintained at all times.

PLEASE NOTE: When more than one parent/carer is present, a nurse may ask one person to leave if physical distancing cannot be adhered to.

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