

12 June 2020

Dear Maternity Patient,

RE: Changes to Visitation Restrictions for ACT Hospitals

We are pleased to inform you that Calvary is further lifting restrictions on general visitation in our Canberra hospitals. This easing of restrictions is because there is currently negligible risk of community transmission in the ACT. While the COVID-19 situation is improving, infection remains a risk. Accordingly, Calvary will continue to monitor the situation and review restrictions on visitation every 14 days.

From today, 12 June 2020, we have further eased visitation restrictions at Calvary Bruce Public Hospital, Calvary Bruce Private Hospital and Calvary John James Private Hospital:

- **Special exceptions for visiting maternity patients.** One (1) child may accompany a single adult visitor to visit a patient in maternity from Day 2 following birth. Visits are restricted to the patient's room. All visitors including children are required to use the hand sanitiser stations and observe social/physical distancing. Child visitors must remain with their adult parent or carer at all times.

All other restrictions on visitation, announced 2 June 2020, will remain in place:

- **Two visitors per patient will be permitted to visit each day.** Calvary will be permitting up to two (2) visitors per patient, per day. Only one (1) visitor may visit the patient at any one time.
- **Exceptions for obstetrics and paediatrics patients.** Admitted babies and children (0-17 years) may have one parent/carers present at all times, with an additional visitor for up to one (1) hour each day.
- **For patients who are at end of life, there may be exceptions to visitation restrictions.** If you or a loved one are receiving palliative care or are at end of life, please contact the hospital to discuss whether an exceptional visitation can be arranged.
- **Social/physical distancing of 1.5 metres separation will still be required.**
- **Screening and temperature checks.** Introduced in April, screening questions and temperature checks for all visitors and staff will continue. If a visitor is found to have an elevated temperature of 37.5 degrees celsius or greater, entry will not be permitted.
- **Hand hygiene is important.** Please use the hand sanitiser stations at the entrance and throughout the hospital.

We are pleased to be able to take this next step in easing restrictions, and thank patients and visitors for continuing to follow the directions of staff. For up-to-date information for all patients and their loved ones, please visit Calvary's COVID-19 updates site regularly at: www.calvarycoronavirusupdates.org.au

Sincerely,



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