



23 June 2020

Dear Calvary Patient,

RE: Changes to Visitation Restrictions for Calvary Lenah Valley Hospital

We are pleased to inform you that Calvary is further lifting restrictions on general visitation in our Tasmanian hospitals. This easing of restrictions is because there is currently negligible risk of community transmission in Tasmania. While the COVID-19 situation is improving, infection remains a risk.

Commencing Wednesday, 24 June 2020, we have further eased visitation restrictions at Calvary Lenah Valley Hospital, in keeping with the current social/physical distancing rules in Tasmania:

- **Two nominated visitors will be permitted to visit.** Calvary will be permitting visitation of two (2) nominated persons for visitation per patient. Only one (1) nominated visitor may visit at any one time.
- **A single child visitor may accompany an adult visitor.** One (1) child may accompany a single adult visitor. Visits are restricted to the patient's room. Child visitors must remain with their adult carer at all times.
- **Visiting a patient in shared accommodation.** Where a patient shares a room with at least one other patient, we require any visitor to please contact the Nurse Unit Manager before your visit.
- **Due to social/physical distancing requirements, visitation in procedural areas is not permitted.**

All other restrictions on visitation, announced 4 May 2020, will remain in place:

- **Social/physical distancing of a single person per 4 square metres as well as 1.5 metres separation at all times will still be required within the hospital.** We ask for your support and co-operation in ensuring that the number of people within each ward or room is consistent with the social/physical distance guidance in place within the community. Our staff will need to monitor overall visitor numbers within each ward.
- **Screening and temperature checks.** Introduced in April, screening questions and temperature checks for all visitors and staff will continue. You may also be asked to provide us with your name and contact details. If a visitor is found to have an elevated temperature of 37.5 degrees celsius or greater, entry will not be permitted.
- **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.
- **Hand hygiene is important.** Please use the hand sanitiser stations at the entrance and throughout the hospital.

You can assist us by informing visitors of these requirements before their arrival.

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

Your safety remains our primary responsibility. Thank you for your continued cooperation in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

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