

## Woodstock Hospital Implements Visitor Changes for the Maternal Child Women's Health Unit

**Woodstock,** ON - In response to increasing measles activity in the region, Woodstock Hospital is implementing additional precautions to help ensure the safety and health of newborns, patients, visitors, and staff.

Beginning March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, **only two (2) essential caregivers** will be allowed to accompany patients on the **Maternal Child Women's Health Unit (MCWH)**.

Please note the following guidelines:

- 1. **Essential caregivers** are defined as the individuals who will provide direct support to patients during labour and delivery. This can include the patient's partner, a family member, or a support person.
- 2. No additional visitors will be permitted during the patient's stay. This includes children and other family and friends.
- 3. If a patient or any of their caregivers are showing signs of illness, they are urged to please contact the Maternal Child Women's Health Unit at extension 4210 <u>before</u> their arrival so we can safely prepare for their visit.
- 4. All patients and visitors must wear a mask upon arrival to the unit and anytime they are outside of the patient's room on the MCWH Unit.
- 5. If patients are coming for an outpatient appointment, they can only bring one (1) essential caregiver. If they are admitted, a second caregiver will be allowed.
- 6. Vaccines are always strongly recommended.

We appreciate the cooperation and understanding of our patients and their families as we implement measures to keep our most vulnerable patients safe.

## About Woodstock Hospital

Built in November 2011, Woodstock Hospital is a 178 bed, full-service community hospital, providing primary care to a population of 55,000 and specialized care to nearly 110,000 within the County of Oxford. The new facility offers a wide range of health programs including Maternal Child, Women's Health, Specialized Surgical Services, Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Services, Dialysis and Rehabilitation Programs, a Systemic Therapy Program, and an MRI. Our full service facility works closely with our community partners to provide our patients with healthcare services, close to home.

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