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G&M Hospital Lifts Visiting Restrictions

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The Collingwood General & Marine Hospital has lifted its visiting restrictions after imposing limits on the number of visitors due to a higher than normal number of gastrointestinal (stomach) illnesses in our community.

Linda MacLeod, VP Patient Services and Chief Nursing Officer says, "The G&M Hospital recognizes that the recent visiting limits posed problems for the families and friends of some patients and thanks the community for its understanding and cooperation during this difficult time."

"Our patients are part of a family or circle of friends and we value the support and comfort provided to them by those people," says MacLeod.

Patient visiting hours are from **1pm until 8:30pm** except in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) where visiting hours will be determined based on the patient's condition. Visitors to patients in the G&M Emergency Department are limited to one person per patient. The Hospital asks that all children be accompanied by an adult during visiting hours.

If a patient is in isolation, it is very important that the number of visitors be kept to a minimum. Two visitors are the maximum allowed, for 30 minutes each, in any 4 hour period, and children are absolutely not allowed in isolation under any circumstances. Those who do visit must wear the appropriate protective covering and follow the directions of nursing staff for the protection of the patient and visitors.

The public is asked to not visit the G&M if they are ill for any reason. Those who have been ill should wait at least 48 hours after the last symptoms disappear before visiting the Hospital. The best defense against any infection, including gastroenteritis is careful, frequent and vigorous hand washing.

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If you have any questions about this release please contact Linda Macleod, VP Patient Services and Chief Nursing Officer, Collingwood General and Marine Hospital at 444.8601, ext. 8202.
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