

Temiskaming Hospital

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Infection Prevention and Control

Infection prevention and control is an integral part of the day-to-day quality and safety operations of any hospital. One of Temiskaming Hospital's strategic initiatives is to develop a risk avoidance culture. To facilitate this, attention is focused on patient safety, employee safety, environmental safety and contingency planning.

That said, when you come to Temiskaming Hospital, you will notice a new plexi-glass barrier that has been constructed at both the main and ER registration desks. This barrier has been put in place as an infection prevention and control measure. The staff in these areas provide direct face-to-face interaction with patients, which puts them at a higher risk of exposure to infectious illnesses.

Infection prevention and control measures that have been in place for some time, but that staff continue to be vigilant about are the wearing of personal protective equipment (PPE), e.g. N95 mask, gown, eye wear and gloves. And, of course, hand washing remains the single most important hygiene measure in preventing the spread of infection.

Temiskaming Hospital is committed to providing and promoting a safe and healthy environment for staff, physicians, patients, visitors, volunteers, students, contractors and other stakeholders.



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Visiting Hours:

- 1000 to 2000 hours for medical patients, surgical patients and Long-Term Care patients;
- 1400 to 1600 hours and 1800 to 2000 hours for obstetrics;
- Visitors to the Special Care Unit (SCU) are restricted to immediate family and/or significant other(s).