

Department of Medicine

Special Information Bulletin

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FMC SITE COMMAND POST (SCP) UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

Staff & Physician Testing for COVID Outbreak Units Only:

FMC Units 81, 32, and CICU are on outbreak for COVID-19 with Units 82, 62, and 36 on close watch. WHS is completing contact tracing for any COVID-19 positive patients on site and will directly call the staff, physicians, and students if they have had an exposure.

- If staff or physicians have any questions or are worried about a potential exposure, please do not hesitate to call WHS at **1-855-450-3619**.
- Isolated/restricted staff & physicians or those with symptoms should only go to an Assessment Centre for testing which can be arranged through the [online booking system](#), making sure to identify yourself as a healthcare worker.
- On-site testing is available for staff and physicians (**only those from impacted Units 81, 32, CICU, 82, 62 & 36 from September 1st onwards**) if they are asymptomatic and not isolated/restricted.
- Restrictions are required for the full 14 days, even with a negative result.

Visitation:

Please review the current [AHS visitation guidelines](#). Some key highlights to remember are:

- AHS is supporting the access of 1-2 Designated Family/Support Persons for each patient. This is someone who is involved with the patient's care and health matters. For acute care patients they can be 14 years or older.
- Visitor access is site dependent. A visitor is someone whose time with the patient is usually temporary, more social in nature and not involved with the patient's care. At FMC we are currently only allowing visitors of this nature (i.e. not Designated Family Support Persons) to make outdoor visits.
- A patient is considered at end-of-life during the last 4-6 weeks of life. As a result of the physical constraints at the site, generally speaking only 1 or 2 individuals may be with the patient at one time, as long as physical distancing can be maintained. In the ICU 3 individuals can usually be accommodated at one time, again with physical distancing being maintained. Children under 14 may visit if accompanied by an adult, but only for end of life visitation.

For units 81, 32, CICU, 82, 62 and 36 these additional restrictions are in place:

- No learners except medical residents are permitted on these units.
- End of life visitation is permitted with the approval of the unit manager, up to 2 sequential visitors.

- Very limited essential family designated visitors. Please work with your Executive Director for these approvals during daytime hours where possible. For urgent situations after hours, you can reach out to FMC SCP at **403-944-8181**.

Continuous Masking Requirement:

It is more important than ever for us to be vigilant with continuous masking and other preventive measures including hand hygiene and physical distancing.

It is extremely important that everyone completes the [COVID-19 Daily Fit for Work Screening](#). There is an extremely high-risk for transmission of COVID-19 in small, enclosed spaces such as break rooms, charting areas, open work spaces and other common areas, so please be extra cautious to help control the spread.

Media Inquiries:

The media is very actively covering our outbreak situation. Please make sure to redirect any media calls to AHS communications.

FMC Site Command Post:

The FMC Site Command Post has been re-activated with a core group to monitor the outbreak and provide you with support. Please first reach out to your Executive Director, but if you have an urgent question after hours, you can reach the SCP this week by phone at **403-944-8181**. Please note that the SCP email is not being monitored at this time.

Many thanks to everyone for their work and attention to this outbreak situation at FMC.

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