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RVH enforcing strict visiting hours

Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) is dedicated to providing safe, quality, patient-centred care and reminds visitors that official visiting hours are between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. with a maximum of two visitors per patient. The visiting hours have been put in place to ensure clinical staff can provide exceptional care and so the patients can get much needed rest for recovery.

Due to the high number of influenza cases in the region, RVH also reminds visitors to adhere to the centre's strict hand-hygiene policy when entering and leaving the facility, as well as when entering and leaving a patient room.

Hand hygiene is the best way to reduce the spread of influenza.

RVH is asking that people with flu-like symptoms which include, sudden onset of fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, muscle and joint pain and headache, do not visit the centre, unless they require medical attention.

"RVH has a well-developed infection control plan and is aggressively following these protocols," says Jennifer Rodgers, Director Patient Safety, Quality and Risk Management, RVH. "The best way to control the spread of influenza is by appropriate hand hygiene and following appropriate precautions if you are visiting someone in hospital."

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