

BAYVIEW HOSPITAL (2014) LTD. - COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION

GENERAL ADMISSION

- All patients, to be admitted to the Hospital, should arrive with a negative COVID-19 PCR test result which should be no older than 48 hours.
- On arrival to the Hospital, all patients will undergo a COVID-19 Rapid Test if their COVID-19 PCR test result is older than 48 hrs.
- In the case of an emergency or where the COVID-19 PCR test result is outstanding, **even with a negative COVID-19 Rapid test result**, the patient will be booked into a private room or the suite at their expense.
- On receipt of the patient's negative COVID-19 PCR test result, the patient may be transferred, **if** he or she so desires, to the type of room originally booked on admission.
- The cost of the COVID-19 PCR and/or Rapid test will be borne by the patient unless further instructions are provided on admission.
- There is a kitchen that operates from 7 am to 7 pm to facilitate the purchase of food items and drinks.
- If you booked into the family suite, meals will be provided for the patient and one other person while at the Hospital.
- To cater to your comfort, the Hospital provides a free WIFI service which allows you to video chat with your family as visitation is currently limited

MATERNITY PATIENTS

- Maternity patients must undergo a COVID-19 PCR Test at 48 hrs prior to admission. It is required that the maternity patient's partner or guardian also undergoes a COVID-19 PCR test at that time. The maternity patient and partner or guardian must present their negative COVID-19 PCR test result on the day of admission.
- If a negative COVID-19 PCR test result is older than 48 hours, the maternity patient and partner or guardian must complete a COVID-19 Rapid test on the day of admission.
- Only the maternity patient's partner **or** guardian will be allowed to remain with the patient for the duration of hospitalization. There will be no re-entry to the Hospital should that person leaves.
- **Imminent delivery:** Should the maternity patient, partner or guardian arrive without a negative COVID-19 PCR test result, a COVID-19 PCR and a Rapid Antigen test will be conducted on admission.
- The maternity patient will be admitted to a private room or the suite and will be managed under the Hospital's COVID-19 Guidelines until their COVID-19 PCR test result is known.
- The maternity patient's partner **or** guardian can stay with the patient in the private room or the suite pending his/her COVID-19 PCR test result. He/she will also be managed under the Hospital's COVID-19 Guidelines during the maternity patient's hospitalization. The cost of the COVID-19 PCR and/or Rapid test will be borne by the patient unless further instructions are provided on admission

Upon arrival to Bayview Hospital, COVID-19 PCR and/or Rapid testing will be facilitated by one of our Physicians.

Room Booking: If a COVID-19 PCR test result:

- is outside of the required time frame
- is unavailable on admission
- has not been completed
- is required in order to stay with a patient

you will be admitted to a private room and/or the family suite until the **negative COVID-19 test result becomes available**. The cost of the room will be borne by the patient.

If you have been tested positive for COVID-19 and recovered, you are required to bring your clearance certificate issued by the Ministry of Health and Wellness. A COVID-19 Rapid test will be conducted on admission to confirm that you are unable to transfer the COVID-19 virus.

The COVID-19 screening process (COVID-19 questionnaire, temperature check, hand sanitizing) is to be completed at the entrance to the Hospital prior to entry.

Should either the COVID-19 PCR and/or Rapid test result return positive, the patient, partner or guardian/caregiver will be referred to the Ministry of Health and Wellness for further management in accordance to the Ministry of Health and Wellness COVID-19 management guidelines.

In order to safeguard our vulnerable patient population and health care professionals at the Hospital, visitation is limited to a maximum of four (4) persons per day, with no more than two (2) visitors at one time. Visitation is a maximum of one (1) hour per visit. Authorization to stay with a patient or to visit a patient will be approved in accordance with our COVID-19 Hospital Guidelines. **A partner, guardian or caregiver may only stay overnight when the patient is booked into a private room or the suite.**

Bayview Hospital will only accept COVID-19 PCR and/or Rapid test results conducted by an approved Laboratory in Barbados