

REMINDER TO PREGNANT PATIENTS ON THE DAY OF ADMISSION FOR LABOUR AND BIRTH

Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic we are taking measures to restrict visitors to the hospital, except where absolutely necessary.

For our pregnant patients – this means your support person can be with you while you are in labour BUT we are not allowing your support person to accompany you to OB Triage on B4 when you first present to the hospital.

This is because our OB Triage space is our own version of an Emergency Room. The least amount of people and traffic through this area is best to keep everyone safe, including your partner. Your partner will be asked to wait outside, or in the car, until you have been assessed.

Transport to Obstetrical triage, with a hospital porter, will be arranged at the B1 entrance if you need assistance.

When you arrive to OB Triage in labour, the nurse will assess your cervix and contractions to determine if you are in active labour and ready to be admitted. If it is confirmed that you are in labour, then your partner will be called and asked to come to the birthing room that you are being admitted to.

The OB Triage assessment can take anywhere from 30 minutes to 2+ hours to complete. Your partner is welcome to speak to you on the phone or Facetime you as needed throughout this time. The nurses in the OB Triage area are trained in the support and comfort measures needed to help you throughout this assessment.

We appreciate your understanding during this time as we try to keep everyone safe.