

The Essential Together Pledge

We value the role of Essential Care Partners and recognize how this role is different from a visitor.

As a result, we are committed to working together with those who are receiving care, caregivers and staff to take the following actions:

- 1** We will engage with those who are receiving care, caregivers, and staff to review existing visitor and caregiver presence policies and practices.
- 2** We will work in collaboration with those who are receiving care, caregivers, and staff to develop and implement person-centred policies, practices, and programs that enable the presence of essential care partners at all times, ensuring compassion, equity, dignity, safety, and well-being for all.
- 3** We will be transparent with our caregiver presence policies and practices and ensure clear and consistent communication.
- 4** We will promote the role and benefits of essential care partners across our organization and the health system.