

## Local hospital now requiring vaccine for visits

Headwaters Health Care Centre has announced they will be requiring proof of vaccination to visit patients.

The local hospital issued a press release on Tuesday (Oct. 20) informing the public of their plans to implement the vaccination policy for visitors later this fall joining other hospitals in the Central Region.

“Headwaters takes its responsibility to provide the safest possible environment for our patients and staff very seriously,” reads the statement.

The policy will require visitors to be fully vaccinated, meaning two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine plus 14 days since the last dose, in order to see their loved ones in the hospital. The hospital said they recognize the importance visitors have on the well-being of patients receiving care.

While there will be exceptions for visitors of specific patient populations, and those with documented medical exemptions, Headwaters will not be expecting negative COVID-19 tests.

“Headwaters will not be accepting proof of negative PCR or rapid antigen test, as staff resources need to be focused on patients care,” said the hospital.

More information is expected to be shared in the near future.