

Hawke's Bay Maternity Services in Level 2 - visiting & support person

Maternity services will allow one designated support person with a birthing mother throughout their stay at Alert Level 2, plus one named visitor during visiting times on the postnatal ward.

Labour and Birthing Suite

- One designated support person is permitted throughout. They can be present throughout the induction process and for acute assessments.
- They must be screened prior to entry and their details documented. As with other levels, this must be the same person (no switching out).
- They are encouraged to remain in the patient room as much as possible.
- Support person **MUST** read the agreement and be wearing a wrist band at all times to be deemed a support person. They will not be allowed to come back in if they are not wearing a wrist band.
- Support person can come and go from the hospital (i.e.: does not have to stay at all times)
- There will be no visitors in labour and birthing suite.

Postnatal ward – support person

- One designated support person is permitted to remain with birthing mother.
- They are encouraged to remain in the patient room as far as possible and will be fed if staying overnight.
- Support person will be rescreened once per day for any new symptoms that have developed.
- The support person is permitted to leave and come back.
- The support person **MUST** be wearing a wrist band to be deemed a support person.

Postnatal ward – visitors

- Women in the postnatal ward are permitted one named visitor to visit between 1pm and 8pm.
- They can have different visitors on different days but only one person per day. That person may only visit once a day – if they leave they can't come back.
- The visitor will be screened, their contact details recorded and a record kept of when they arrived and left for contact tracing requirements.
- No children are allowed.

Waioha - COVID patients

Birthing women identified having or suspected of having COVID may have a support person with them in the room but the support person is not allowed to go to theatre with them. No visitors.

Te Kākano (Antenatal Clinic)/Day Assessment Unit/ Maternity ultrasound appointments

No support persons or visitors allowed. If there are exceptional circumstances, these should be discussed with the Clinical Midwife Manager.

Special Care Baby Unit (SCBU)

To ensure the protection of our most vulnerable babies within the SCBU unit, only parents with no symptoms of COVID-19 are able to visit SCBU. Both mother and father are permitted to visit **but separately**.