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Can my partner/support person leave the hospital and come back?

We encourage them to remain within the unit and limit the number of times they come and go. This minimises potential exposure to COVID-19 and the risk of bringing it back into the hospital.

Will my support person and I be required to wear a mask?

Yes. You will both be required to wear a mask at all times outside of your room and also when staff are present in your room, with the exception being to you while you are in labour.

What if I become unwell while I am in hospital?

If you start showing signs and symptoms associated with COVID-19 while in hospital please alert your Midwife immediately.

Are you still providing antenatal education classes?

Our popular face to face Antenatal Education Program is currently suspended. However, we have developed a programme specifically focussing on the experience you will have at The Bays. You will be booked in for a live, two-hour online class, including a Q & A session with one of our experienced Midwives. These will be small groups so we can answer all of your questions in real time.

Will I be allowed to use the gas when I'm in labour?

Gas (Nitrous oxide) is still available for pain relief, just as long as you are not suspected or confirmed as having COVID-19. If you happen to show any respiratory symptoms or are then confirmed as being positive for COVID-19, gas will not be available as a pain relief option. There will be other options available to you instead.

I have engaged a Midwifery Student, are they allowed to attend?

For the same reasons we are limiting visitors to one partner/support person only, we cannot allow student midwives that are not part of our formal training programme. However, you are welcome to include them via a video call.

Will I be guaranteed a private room?

Yes. All of our Maternity inpatients enjoy private room facilities and ensuite.

Will you still have Lactation Consultants available during and after my hospital stay?

All our Midwives and Lactation Consultants continue to provide a wonderful service to all of our new mothers.



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The inpatient service continues, however, our outpatient (after discharge) service has changed to telephone and video consultations.

If you would like to speak with one of our Lactation Consultants, please don't hesitate to speak with one of your Midwives whilst in hospital.

Where can I find out more information?

Victorian updates: coronavirus.gov.au

National updates: health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus

If you are concerned please call the coronavirus hotline 1800 675 398

