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VISITING HOURS STILL BEING STRICTLY IMPLEMENTED AT BNH

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The Ministry of Health would like to remind the public that visiting and patient attendant policies are still being strictly implemented to lessen the traffic at the Belau National Hospital to minimize potential exposure and spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.

- IN-PATIENT VISITING HOURS are limited to one (1) hour per day, from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm only.
- All in-patients are allowed one (1) caretaker at any given time. Visitors may only visit the patient during visiting hours, one at a time.
- No children under the age of 15 are allowed in the wards, or within the premises unless seeking or receiving medical care.
- Strictly NO outside food allowed in the wards.
- Limit the number of family members in the wards in the event of a death of a family member; only five (5) family members will be allowed.
- Health screening is now implemented at the Hospital. Health care workers will screen all visitors and give instructions.
- Loitering is not permitted at any and all MOH facilities. Patient attendants are asked to limit their movements in and out of the wards.

MOH continues to urge the public to practice preventive measures including proper handwashing and coughing/sneezing etiquette, avoid touching your nose, mouth, or eyes, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, staying away from others when sick, wearing a mask as appropriate, and calling the Hospital for advice if experiencing symptoms.

For general information about COVID-19, contact the **MOH Hotline at 488-0555.**