

**The Pembroke Regional Hospital Is Sharing COVID-Friendly Guidelines  
For Patient Gift Giving At Christmas**

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**PEMBROKE – In alignment with guidance from the Renfrew County and District Health Unit, the Pembroke Regional Hospital is doing all that it can to help ensure that families and loved ones can remain connected with those in hospital this holiday season.**

**“Recognizing that Christmas is an important time for so many, and that being hospitalized over the holidays can be very difficult, our hospital will be working to ensure families and loved ones will still be able to share messages of love and support, along with gifts for our patients while maintaining COVID safety measures,” said Sabine Mersmann, Vice-President of Clinical and Support Services / Partnerships and Integration.**

**Visitors, one per patient, per day, will be able to bring in the following gift items:**

- **New or freshly laundered clothes (in packaging that can be wiped down)**
- **Packaged food items such as chocolates or edible items from a commercial kitchen**
- **Plants or non-scented flowers**
- **Other items so long as they can be disinfected with hospital grade disinfectant**

**Please note that home baked/cooked food items cannot be brought into the hospital and shared with staff.**

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