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Communiqué regarding Father's Day

Toronto, York and Durham Regions:

To support the concerted efforts to contain SARS, all non-acute care facilities in the Regions of Toronto, York and Durham only are asked to postpone facility celebrations of Father's Day on Sunday, June 15, 2003.

In the Toronto, York and Durham Regions, there is no restriction on patients/residents leaving the facility; however, facilities are to continue a restrictive Visitors Policy of one (1) visitor per patient/resident (except for compassionate grounds, e.g., palliative care). Screening of all visitors and of all patients/residents returning to the facility must continue.

Restrictions remain in place at this time to protect the health of patients/residents and staff.

Outside the Toronto, York and Durham Regions:

The non-acute care facilities outside the Regions of Toronto, York and Durham may proceed with facility celebrations of Father's Day. Heightened precautions as appropriate to the Region should be implemented.