

## FAMILY BIRTHING UNIT COVID VACCINATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Patients:

***Question: Do I have to be vaccinated against COVID to deliver at WDMH?***

No. We highly recommend discussing vaccination with your obstetrical provider and checking out this website for more information: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-vaccines-pregnancy>

Your health care provider may order one or more COVID tests to be done if you are unvaccinated while in hospital, even if you are symptom free.

***Question: Do I need to be COVID swabbed before my scheduled/booked c-section or induction?***

For patients undergoing elective/scheduled c-sections or inductions, a PCR Covid-19 swab is needed within 72 hours of the scheduled procedure.

PCR tests are arranged by WDMH and are performed at the Winchester Assessment Centre (515 Albert Street, Winchester). You will be called with the date and time of the test.

If a swab is not completed, the procedure may be postponed. If no PCR Covid-19 swab result is available, a rapid test may be used at WDMH if clinically indicated.

### Support Persons:

***Question: Does my support partner need to be vaccinated against COVID to be **at the delivery**?***

No, they do not need to be vaccinated to be at the delivery. Your support person will need to review the COVID screening questionnaire at the hospital's entrance. If the person does not pass the screen (i.e.: if they are sick, been in contact with someone who is sick, etc.) they will not be able to enter the hospital.

***Question: Does my support partner need to be vaccinated against COVID to join me in **postpartum** (the unit you are transferred to after your baby is born)?***

No. Support people do not need to be vaccinated. Your support person will need to review the COVID screening questionnaire at the hospital's entrance. If the person does not pass the screen (i.e.: if they are sick, been in contact with someone who is sick, etc.) they will not be able to enter the hospital.