

Hasbro Children's Hospital

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To our Hasbro Children's Hospital patients and families:

In light of the Coronavirus outbreak, we are working hard to protect patients and their loved ones by reducing the number of people in all patient care areas. This means the following temporary changes to our visitation policy:

- Everyone must perform hand hygiene upon entering and leaving the hospital, as well as the patient's room
- All family members are asked to wear a mask upon entering the hospital.
 - Masks, both parent and child (when possible) are to be worn whenever any hospital staff member enters the patient's room (Masks may be removed when alone in the child's room)
- Patients are limited to a total of 2 identified <u>patient caregivers (PCG)</u> (legal guardian/ medical decision maker) between the hours of 8 am and 7 pm; they will be the only people allowed at the bedside for the entire hospital stay.
- Only one of the identified PCG's will be able to remain with the child at the bedside overnight (7pm-8am).

***IMPORTANT ***

What does this mean for families?

- You will be asked to identify ONLY 2 Patient caregiver's at time of admission to the hospital.
 No other visitors will be identified or permitted during the entire duration of the patients stay.
- Each identified patient caregiver will receive one blue wrist band and one Blue Family badge. Both are to be worn at all times while in the hospital.
- All patient caregivers will show their bracelet and Blue Family Badge at the main entrance.
- All patient caregivers must be screened for respiratory symptoms on every entry into the hospital upon check-in on the patient's unit. A new screening and sticker will be provided daily.
- If a caregiver has a fever, cough, sore throat or signs of respiratory symptoms, they will not be allowed to enter the patients room.

**Please note policies may change as the coronavirus situation evolves. **

We understand and apologize for the difficulty these restrictions may impose on our patients and families, but please know that we are acting in the best interest of our patients, families and community.

Sincerely

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