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To our Hasbro Children's Hospital patients and families:

In light of the rising community rates of COVID-19, 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:

- Once screened for respiratory symptoms upon entry to the hospital, all Patient Caregivers (PCG) MUST wear a mask.
  - Masks can be removed only when alone in the child's room
  - Masks must be worn by both caregiver and child (when possible), whenever any hospital staff member enters the patient's room
- Families are limited to a total of 2 identified Patient Caregivers for their entire hospital stay. Only one caregiver at a time will be able to enter the hospital and remain with the child, in their room.
  - You will be asked to identify those two patient caregivers (legal guardian/ medical decision maker) at time of admission to the hospital. No other visitors will be permitted.
- Patient caregivers will receive one wrist band (each) and one "blue family badge" for identification (per family) to be shared.
- For all inpatient families, the "swap" of caregivers will occur at the entrance of the hospital, outside of the designated screening area.
- What does this mean for families?
  - The two patient caregivers will need to set up a time to meet at the entrance they choose: Hasbro Emergency Room, Hasbro Ground Floor lobby, RIH Adult Emergency Room or RIH Main Entrance.
  - At the swap location, identified caregivers will be able to share a few minutes to catch up with each other, provide updates and swap their "Blue Family Badge".
- All patient caregivers must show the "Blue Family Badge" **and** Blue Bracelet at check in, and will be screened for respiratory symptoms <u>on every entry</u> into the hospital.
- If a caregiver has a fever, cough, sore throat or respiratory symptoms, they will not be allowed to enter the hospital.

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

We would like to acknowledge everyone's commitment to safety, and your contribution in keeping your child and Hasbro safe. 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 community.

Sincerely,

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