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Winter visitor guidelines: Transitioning from ED/outpatient to inpatient

Children’s Minnesota has instituted visiting guidelines for inpatients for the protection of your child, as well as all children at our hospitals.

As you transition from the clinic or emergency department to the inpatient unit, we want to let you know about our visiting guidelines for the hospital areas:

- Everyone, including legal guardians, must be screened for wellness and get a name badge at the Welcome Center.
- **Please go to the Welcome Center as soon as is reasonable to get a name badge.**
- Legal guardians are not considered visitors, but still need to follow our screening and name badge rules.
- Visitors can only visit if they are well (no coughing, runny nose, sore throat, etc.)
- Legal guardians who have mild respiratory symptoms must wear a mask while in the hospital.
- Children (including brothers and sisters) under 5 years old may not visit.
  - We understand that most hospital admissions are not planned.
  - We ask that you try to make other childcare arrangements for your young children on the day of admission.
  - If that is not possible, you can bring other children under age 5 with you, if they pass the wellness screening and on the day of admission only.
  - **After the first day/night you should make other childcare arrangements.**
- Any exceptions require approval from the Patient Care Manager or Patient Care Supervisor on your child’s unit.
- Please help us keep Children’s safe by informing your friends and family of our visitor guidelines.

Thank you for your help protecting our patients.