Winter inpatient visiting guidelines in NICU, ICC and SCN

Effective Tuesday, November 13 2018, and until further notice, the following visitor guidelines have been put into place to protect patients, families, visitors and staff.

- Legal guardians are welcome at all times and are not considered "visitors."
- Visiting hours for all others are between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.
- Visitors, including siblings, may not visit if they have a fever, cough, sore throat or runny nose.
- Legal guardians with mild respiratory symptoms may visit, and must wear a mask.
- Legal guardians and visitors must be screened for wellness every day. Legal guardians and visitors will receive and wear a badge with a green, yellow or red sticker. The stickers indicate:
  - Green — May visit, no mask required
  - Yellow — May visit but mask required
  - Red — May not visit inpatient areas, mask required
- Legal guardians and visitors without a badge may not enter patient care areas.
- No more than four people at the bedside at any one time — including legal guardians, siblings and other visitors. For the first 24 hours after admission, exceptions may be granted to meet the family’s needs, at the discretion of the bedside nurse.
- Siblings are defined as any children who live in the same household as the baby’s legal guardian(s).
  - No children under the age of 2 may visit, including siblings.
  - Siblings who are ages 2-4 may visit one time for up to 15 minutes to be introduced to their new sibling.
  - Siblings who are ages 5-11 may visit for 15 minutes per week.
  - Children under age 12 who are not siblings may not visit.
- All legal guardians and visitors are expected to do hand hygiene at the point of wellness screening and before entering the patient room.
- Legal guardians or visitors may be asked to wear a mask while in the hospital.
- Staff may be seen wearing masks for their protection and for the safety of the patient.
- Legal guardians or visitors will be asked to leave the hospital if they do not follow these guidelines and wear their mask as directed.
- In rare circumstances, exceptions to these guidelines may be possible. Legal guardians can discuss this with your child’s nurse or social worker.