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Updated Flu Season Visitor Policy

California Pacific Medical Center is taking the risks associated with H1N1 influenza (swine flu) very seriously and must take action to ensure the safety of our patients. Because the threat of H1N1 flu in the community remains high, we are changing our hospital visitation policy to include the following:

- **We will no longer allow visitors or family members less than 16 years of age to visit patients in any of our four hospital campuses.**
- Visitors will not be allowed if they are ill regardless of age (cough, runny nose, fever, diarrhea, etc.).
- We're asking that patients restrict visitors only to immediate family members and loved ones.

We're specifically restricting visitors under age 16 because they are more susceptible to acquiring and spreading H1N1 and they can remain infectious for longer periods of time. We make this decision based on a standard set by hospitals throughout the San Francisco community and this policy will stay in effect through the height of flu season or as long as recommended by public health officials.

At California Pacific, we pride ourselves as being a family-centered medical center and know how our patients' loved ones play an important role in their healing process. However, we feel strongly that limiting the risks of flu exposure must be taken very seriously.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to protect the patients who we are privileged to serve.

If you have questions about this policy, please contact your nurse.



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