

Visitation Policy for the Winter Respiratory Season FY16/17

At Rady Children's Hospital, our primary concern is for the health and safety of our patients, families, visitors and employees. This visitation plan will help prevent the spread of infections during the **winter respiratory season**, which begins when there is an increase in respiratory illnesses community-wide that pose an infectious risk to our patients.

All Visitors – All The Time!



Please wash your hands when you enter the building and as needed during your time here. Hand hygiene stations are available throughout the building. Our Information Desk staff members are happy to direct you to the nearest station.

Inpatient Visitation During Respiratory Season

(Main Campus & Regional Locations)

In addition to our ongoing Visitation Policy, please be aware of other limitations that will be in effect starting Tuesday 11/29/16 due to an increase in respiratory illnesses.

- Only Partners in Care (over 18 years of age) can make bedside visits in the inpatient units. All other healthy visitors can wait in a waiting area in our public areas on the first floor of the building, Subway or our cafeteria to be available to provide support to the Partners in Care. Other visitors may not go up on the inpatient units.

In the event of a severe winter respiratory season, additional limitations may be needed to limit the spread of illness.

Outpatient Areas (Main Campus & Regional Clinics, Surgery Centers, Radiology & Laboratory)

- If you or your child is sick, we ask that you reschedule your appointment whenever possible.
- If rescheduling is not possible and you or your child is ill, you will be asked to wear a mask while in the building. Symptoms of flu or respiratory illness include fever, cough, runny nose, congestion or sore throat.
- We ask that you do not bring siblings, other family members or friends (especially anyone under the age of 13) with you for your child's visit.

Emergency Room

- If you or your child is experiencing symptoms of flu or respiratory illness (fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat), we ask that you wear a mask and maintain distance between yourself and other visitors.

If you are unable to visit in person, you can let a patient know you are thinking of them by sending a card, balloons (mylar only) or other gifts to the patient's room. Contact the Gift Shop at 858-966-8088 for ideas!



Thank you for helping us protect our patients!