



MERCY HEALTH PARTNERS

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MERCY HEALTH PARTNERS' UPDATES VISITATION POLICY OB UNITS

Muskegon, Mich. – November 13, 2009 – Mercy Health Partners (MHP) has updated its visitation policy for the Family Birth Center at the Hackley Campus and the Special Delivery Birth Center at the Muskegon General Campus.

- Visitation is limited to two visitors per patient at one time.
- Visitors **must be** over the age of 16.
- Beginning Monday, November 16, visiting hours will be limited to twice a day. **1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** At the end of visiting hours, all visitors will need to leave the room and are welcome to return during regular visiting hours, providing that there are no more than two guests at one time.
- The main visitor's waiting room at the Family Birth Place is closed to assist in minimizing the risk of spreading germs. During this time, we ask that family & friends wait at home for the happy news.
- Visitors must sanitize their hands before and during their visit.

This policy has been put into place to protect the health of our visitors, patients, staff and physicians. As the situation changes within our area, this policy will be updated based on the guidelines and recommendations from the CDC and the Muskegon County Health Department.

Mercy Health Partners is a teaching hospital and the second largest health system in West Michigan with more than 4,000 associates, and some 21,000 inpatient discharges and 137,000 emergency/urgent care visits annually. As a non-profit hospital system, Mercy Health Partners reinvests profits back into the community and works to improve the health and well-being of those we serve by emphasizing care that treats patients with compassion and respect. The system has four hospitals over 400 physicians and offers a number of exclusive specialty physician care services for the region.

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