



MERCY HEALTH PARTNERS

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MERCY HEALTH PARTNERS' UPDATES VISITATION POLICY

Muskegon, Mich. – November 3, 2009 – Mercy Health Partners (MHP) is taking every precaution to limit the spread of seasonal flu and H1N1 this year. The visitation policy has been updated in an effort to minimize the spread of germs and disease during this time. This policy is in place for the Hackley, Lakeshore, Mercy and Muskegon General Campuses.

- Visitation is limited to two visitors per patient at one time.
- Those with a fever of more than 100°F are strongly discouraged from visiting any patient.
- If a visit is absolutely necessary, those with a fever must wear a mask.
- Visitors must sanitize their hands before and during their visit.
- Visits from children under the age of 16 are strongly discouraged. All children must check in at the nurses' station prior to visiting a patient.

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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