

H1N1 Update
Visitor Guidelines
10/02/09

- Community Hospital has adopted recommendations from the H1N1 Flu Task Force and government health officials in anticipation of the impending flu season.
- The medical center will supplement existing visitor and infection control guidelines by transitioning to higher levels of protection for patients, visitors, and hospital staff during this high risk flu season.
- In an effort to stop the spread of any H1N1 cases that may enter the hospital during the upcoming flu season, Community Hospital is preparing for the flu/H1N1 flu by asking those who have a fever, cough or who are ill to not visit the hospital.
- Since the flu is expected to affect more people as the seasons change, Community Hospital officials are proactively minimizing the spread of the virus by not allowing ill visitors to enter.
- In order to ensure the health and well-being of patients and employees, Community Hospital is implementing a temporary flu symptom screening procedure. Visitors will be screened for flu like symptoms before they will be allowed to visit patients.
- Due to the large number of national H1N1 flu cases hitting young people, Community Hospital is also implementing a temporary age restriction for visitors. In order to enter inpatient care areas at Community Hospital, visitors must be 16 years or older.
- Exceptions to the 16 years or older restriction may be made in special circumstances for Compassionate Care patients or critically ill patients. Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis.
- These procedures will be effective immediately (10/02/09) and will remain in effect until further notice. We will continue to keep you updated. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.