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To our Hasbro Children’s Hospital patients and families:

In light of the ever-changing Covid-19 rates in the community, we are working hard to protect patients and their loved ones by continuing the reduced number of people in all patient care areas. This means the following temporary changes to our visitation policy:

- Please, wear a mask upon entering the hospital.
  - Mask can be removed only when alone in the child’s room.
  - Masks must be worn, both parent and child (when possible), whenever any hospital staff member enters the patient’s room.

- Patients are limited to a total of 2 identified patient caregivers (PCG) (legal guardian/ medical decision maker) between the hours of 8am and 6pm; *they will be the only people allowed at the bedside for the entire hospital stay.*
- Only one of the identified PCG’s will be able to remain with the child at the bedside overnight (6pm-8am).

***IMPORTANT***

- Please wash or sanitize your hands before entering the Hospital, before/ after eating, using the assigned restroom, and upon exiting and entering your child’s room.

- You will be asked to identify ONLY 2 Patient caregivers at time of admission to the hospital. No other visitors will be identified or permitted during the entire duration of the patients stay.

- Each identified patient caregiver will receive one blue wrist band and one blue PCG badge. Both are to be worn at all times, while in the hospital.

- All patient caregivers will show their blue bracelet and blue PCG badge at the hospital entrance and be screened.

- All patient caregivers must be screened DAILY for respiratory symptoms on every entry into the hospital and upon check-in on the patient’s unit. A new screening and sticker will be provided each day.
  - If a caregiver has a fever, cough, sore throat or respiratory symptoms, they will not be allowed to enter the hospital.

**Please note policies may change as the coronavirus situation evolves.**

We would like to acknowledge everyone’s commitment to safety, and your contribution in keeping your child and Hasbro safe. We understand and apologize for the difficulty these restrictions may impose on our patients and families, but please know that we are acting in the best interest of our community.

Sincerely,

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