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To our Hasbro Children’s Hospital patients and families:

In light of the developing Coronavirus outbreak and with the best current expert recommendations, we are working hard to protect all our patients and families by reducing the number of visitors in our children’s hospital. We understand the desire of families and loved ones to gather around a patient during a time of illness, and we must balance that with our responsibility to keep our patients and community members safe. This means the following temporary changes to our visitation policy:

- Families are limited to a total of two identified caregivers per patient for the entire hospital stay: meaning parents, guardians, and/or other medical decision-makers. Only one caregiver at a time will be able to remain with the child during hospitalization. You will be asked to identify those two caregivers at the time of admission to the hospital.

- No other visitors will be permitted.

- Caregivers will receive a blue band and blue badge for identification.

- All caregivers must check in and be screened for respiratory symptoms on every entry to the pediatric unit.

- If a caregiver has fever, cough, sore throat or respiratory symptoms, they will be required to wear a mask at all times in public areas of the hospital and comply with any additional Hospital policies.

- In special situations, exceptions to this visitation policy will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

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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Pediatrician-in-Chief

Francois Luks, MD
Pediatric Surgeon-in-Chief

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