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To our Hasbro Children’s Hospital patients and families:

In light of the developing Coronavirus outbreak, we are working hard to protect patients and their loved ones by reducing traffic in all our patient care areas. We understand the desire of patients, families and loved ones to be together during illness or hospitalization, but 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 one wrist band (each) and one “blue family badge” for identification (per family) to be shared.
- For all inpatient families, the “swap” of caregivers will occur at the entrance of the hospital but outside of the designated screening area.
- What does this mean for families?
  - The two caregivers will need to set up a time to meet inside the entrance they choose: (Hasbro Emergency Room, Hasbro Ground Floor lobby, RIH Adult Emergency Room or RIH Main Entrance). It is there that identified caregivers will be able to share a few minutes to catch up with each other, provide updates and swap their “Blue Family Badge”
- All caregivers must show the “Blue Family Badge” on check in and be screened for respiratory symptoms on every entry to the hospital. If a caregiver has 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 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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