



October 8, 2009

For the safety of our patients and staff, Charles Cole will be modifying its visitation policy, effective immediately, to help combat the spread of seasonal and H1N1 influenza. Please share with your staff. Signage will be posted at hospital entrances and the policy changes will be sent to area media.

- Regardless of age, people who are ill, or who have ill household members, should not visit the hospital
- Children under 18 should not visit patients, with the exception of the Long Term Care Unit
- Children will not be permitted to visit OB (an exception will be made for newborn's siblings)
- Exceptions may be made to those visiting the terminally/critically ill
- Exceptions to the above will be made on a case by case basis
- All patient rooms have phones – encourage those who cannot visit to call – we also have e-cards available on our website which are delivered to patient rooms
- Anyone coming to the hospital for medical care who suspects he/she may have the flu, should wear a mask which will be available at the main entrance, at provider offices, and the ED entrance
- Also, please remind visitors to gel in/gel out when visiting patient rooms

Thank you.