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Dear patients and families,

Due to the increasing amount of flu (H1N1 influenza) circulating in Massachusetts, we are placing strict limitations on our patient visitor policy.

As of November 3:

- Non-family members and patients' siblings under 18 will not be allowed to visit inpatients. Visits to inpatient areas will be restricted to **parents, guardians, grandparents and siblings over 18.**
- Parents and guardians are strongly discouraged from bringing patients' siblings under 18 to outpatient appointments. Non-family members may no longer accompany families to these appointments unless they are caretakers.

These measures are vital to ensuring the health and safety of our patients, families and staff. We understand this may be challenging for your family. We ask that you please do your best to reduce the spread of flu by not bringing siblings or friends with you when you visit the hospital.

By complying with this policy, you are helping to ensure that the hospital can continue to offer you the best care possible. Please call Children's Center for Families at (617) 355-6279 with any questions.

Thank you for your support, and for choosing Children's Hospital Boston for your family's care.