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WHAT: New visitor requirements
WHERE: Olmsted Medical Center Hospital
WHEN: Beginning Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009; Ending Friday, April 30, 2010 (tentative)
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Olmsted Medical Center to Enact Hospital Visitor Requirements

Rochester, Minn.—Beginning Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009, Olmsted Medical Center (OMC) will ask all hospital visitors to follow requirements designed to reduce the spread of infectious diseases including H1N1 influenza. OMC is adopting requirements in line with other Minnesota healthcare facilities. The requirements will help protect the health and safety of visitors, patients, and healthcare workers.

- Visitors with any symptoms of respiratory illness will be asked to leave the building.
- All visitors will be asked if they have had contact with others having influenza-like symptoms. If visitors have had contact with such individuals, they must wear an OMC-provided face mask.
- All visitors must use OMC-provided hand sanitizer before entering patient rooms. If visitors are unable to use hand sanitizer, they must thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water immediately after entering patient rooms.
- All visitors must use OMC-provided hand sanitizer immediately after exiting patient rooms. If visitors are unable to use hand sanitizer, they must thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water immediately after leaving patient rooms.
- For their own protection, children less than twelve years of age will not be allowed to visit patients.

Additional BirthCenter Visitor Requirements

- Only the father/support person and grandparents will be allowed to visit any BirthCenter patient.

Additional Requirements for Visitors to Patients with Influenza-like Illnesses

- Visitors must wear OMC-provided face masks for the entire time of their visit.
- Visitors must remove their face masks before using hand sanitizer or washing hands immediately after exiting patient rooms.
- Visitors must remain in patient rooms for the entire time of their visit.
- Visitors to patients with influenza-like illnesses must not visit other patients.

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