



PHOENIX CHILDREN'S Hospital

Visitor Restrictions Lifted

On Tuesday, May 05, 2009, Phoenix Children's Hospital officially lifted Respiratory Virus Season Visitor Restrictions that had been implemented in response to the H1N1 Influenza A virus (swine flu).

Children who are free from illness may now visit patients and go to public areas of the hospital after being screened by front desk staff. To continue to protect our patients, adults and children who are sick should wait until they feel better before visiting.

Influenza and other viruses still remain in the community. Patients who have symptoms of upper respiratory viral infections (runny nose, congestion, coughing, sneezing) should still be placed in contact and droplet precautions on admission regardless of the time of year. Thank you for your support of visitor restrictions and for helping us to prevent infections in our patients!

Patient's being cared for at the NICU on the McDowell campus will continue visitor restrictions as currently implemented on that campus. Children at NICU McDowell must be 13 years of age to visit until restrictions are lifted on that campus.

Screening of Patients for H1N1 Influenza A (swine flu) virus is to continue!

Even though visitor restrictions have been lifted **current patient screening and treatment protocols related to this virus should still be followed**. For additional accurate information on the H1N1 Influenza A virus please see the following websites:

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

<http://www.azdhs.gov/>