



MEDIA RELEASE

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With the increasing numbers of influenza-like illness in the community and cases being admitted to Hospital, we are asking for the public's co-operation.

Effective immediately and until further notice, patients in the hospital will be limited to one adult visitor per patient. If you are coming to the hospital for a clinic or procedure, please have no more than one adult accompany you.

We are also discouraging **anyone under the age of 18 from visiting anyone in the hospital until further notice.**

Please do not visit patients in the hospital if:

- You have any cold, flu or gastro-like symptoms (cough, fever, runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea)
- You have a household member, who has any cold, flu or gastro-like symptoms

These visiting restriction measures are being taken to minimize the risk of transmission from/to patients and we ask the public for their cooperation in this matter.

We anticipate that with the start of the Porcupine Health Unit's pH1N1 vaccination clinics that this situation should begin to improve over the 2-3 weeks

All visitors are required to wash their hands on entering and leaving the Hospital and before and after visiting patients at the Hospital.

We encourage anyone with symptoms such as cough, fever, runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea to stay at home if they can manage their symptoms on their own.

Updates will be provided when more information is available.

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