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Sent on Behalf of Tom Patrias, Interim CEO



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**ATTENTION:** All Employees, Physicians, Residents and Students

## **No Visitors Policy Takes Effect Monday, January 11**

Our community is experiencing a surge COVID-19 cases. To keep our patients and employees safe, we have decided to reinstate a **no visitor policy on Monday, January 11**. This means we are restricting all non-essential visitors at every location – including hospitals and physician practices – and allowing exceptions only for those individuals deemed necessary to the patient’s care. Examples include:

- One parent or guardian for pediatric patients
- One parent or guardian for neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) babies
- One support person for labor and delivery patients
- One support person for patients with disabilities or impairments warranting assistance
- One support person/driver for patients in outpatient surgery
- One support person for critically ill patients who may be at end of life

**Please note that any individual granted an exception who screens positive will not be allowed in our facilities.**

We understand this policy is difficult for patients and visitors. However, we must take these new restrictions to help stem the spread of COVID-19 and further minimize the risk of exposure to our patients, visitors and colleagues. We’ve seen an increase in the number of positive cases throughout the community. It’s more important than ever to remain diligent in following our safety protocols to keep our communities safe. We are hopeful that with the additional precautions being taken in our community, coupled with the increasing availability of the vaccine, that the number of COVID cases in our area will soon decrease.

Thank you for your continued hard work and vigilance.

Sincerely,  
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