



# TEMPORARY VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

## Temporary Visitation Restrictions Due to the Flu

Effective Monday, January 22, 2018

To protect the health and safety of our patients, visitors and staff this flu season, St. Claire HealthCare is making temporary changes to hospital visitation policies. Widespread flu is being reported throughout the state and we are seeing a steady increase in the number of our patients and staff members reporting flu-like illnesses.

- No visitors under the age of 14.
- No visitors with any flu-like symptoms.
- Only two visitors in a patient's room at a time.
- Visitors may be given masks or other protective clothing for use when visiting.
- Additional rules may be in place in special care units, such as labor & delivery, ICU and oncology.
- Compassionate visitation exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

### Hand Hygiene is Key

Remember, hand hygiene is the single most important thing we can do to prevent the spread of infections. Wash hands frequently using alcohol-based hand sanitizer or soap and water.

*Thanks for your understanding and help in fighting the flu.*