



WETZEL COUNTY HOSPITAL

Press Release

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WETZEL COUNTY HOSPITAL IMPLEMENTS FLU CONTROL MEASURES

New Martinsville, WV – Wetzel County Hospital takes the health of both our patients and their visitors seriously and, due to the increase of seasonal flu and H1N1 flu cases in our area, we have made some changes to our visitation policy.

Please follow these new guidelines regarding visiting our hospitals:

- Disinfectant hand wipes are provided at entrances. All visitors are asked to wipe their hands upon entry to the hospital and to refrain from touching any surfaces in the hospital as much as possible.
- People with flu-like symptoms and colds coming to the hospital for treatment will be asked to disinfect their hands, wear protective masks and are asked not to visit patients in the hospital.
- Visitors under the age of 12 will not be allowed to visit the hospital unless accompanied by an adult and wearing a protective mask in the presence of patients.
- Patients with flu-like symptoms are limited to one visitor and are to wear protective masks when visitors are present.
- People with flu-like symptoms and colds within the last 72-hours are asked not to visit patients in the hospital.

Please feel free to talk to anyone on our medical team about these new policies. Visitation to certain patients may also require additional restrictions, which our medical team can discuss with you.

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Thank you for your understanding during this time. Our goal is to keep everyone healthy and prevent the spread of H1N1 flu. Also, don't forget to follow proper hand-washing guidelines to further prevent the transfer of the H1N1 flu to others.

Wetzel County Hospital is a licensed and accredited, 58-bed facility, offering comprehensive acute care inpatient, outpatient services, emergency department and transitional care unit. The hospital is located 35 miles south of Wheeling and 60 miles north of Parkersburg, West Virginia.

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