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Dear Parents,

We appreciate your help in restricting sibling visitors. We, like children's hospitals across the country, did this for the safety of our patients.

We are seeing fewer H1N1 influenza patients and have determined this is a safe time to resume sibling visitation.

We will restrict sibling visitation again when we begin to see larger numbers of patients with respiratory viruses and we will give three days notice.

On Saturday, November 21, we will resume sibling visitation. This includes all units but the ICN. Please read the bullet points below.

- Please ask the nurses on your child's unit what the visiting policies are.
- Siblings will be screened and, if they are sick, cannot visit.
- Patients with H1N1 will continue to have **siblings restricted and a maximum of two adult visitors.**
- Siblings will not be allowed in the playrooms.
- Patients only will use the playrooms.
- Patients must be hospitalized at least 48 hours and not in any isolation precautions before using the playroom.

Please remember that we may need to restrict sibling visitation again.

Thank you again for your understanding and cooperation.

The Staff of Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics