

# New Visitor Policy for Flu Season

*No visitors 14 years of age or younger.*

Kaiser Permanente has made a temporary change to our visitation policy to provide the best protection for our patients, visitors, employees, and providers during this unusual flu season. Amending our hospital visitation policy was a difficult decision to make, but one we believe is important for everyone's good health.

- **NO visitors 14 years of age or younger will be admitted, even family members.**

Children 14 and under are at higher risk for infection with H1N1 influenza; may not indicate that they are not feeling well early on in the illness; and are less likely to follow hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette practices.

- Please do NOT visit the hospital if you have:
  - A fever higher than 100 degrees
  - A cough or sore throat
  - Any other flu-like symptoms

Help us keep our patients safe. If you are ill, send your good wishes with a call or a card.

We thank you for understanding and for your cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience.