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### **NORWEGIAN INSTITUTES NEW VISITATION GUIDELINES**

#### *Protecting Patients from Infections Continues to be Top Priority*

CHICAGO – To maintain the highest level of patient care possible, Norwegian American Hospital will change its current visitation guidelines. The new guidelines will take effect immediately.

New visitation guidelines for Norwegian American Hospital state that: no more than two visitors will be allowed, per patient, at any one time; visitors under the age of 18 will not be allowed in any patient care areas; and anyone who has signs of communicable diseases (i.e., runny nose, fever, sneezing or coughing) may not visit any hospitalized patients.

“With the flu season in full swing and the new H1N1 influenza virus present, it is essential that Norwegian American Hospital takes an active role in protecting its patients now more than ever,” said Patricia Rackovan, RN, Vice President of Patient Care Services at Norwegian American Hospital. “Limiting patients’ exposure to infections is part of one of our many ongoing goals to provide the highest quality of health care possible to all patients who come through our doors.”

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