

# Children's Visitation Guidelines

## Designed to ensure safety for all

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### Welcome

These guidelines are designed to help protect young patients, their families and visitors at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center. We understand every family is unique and circumstances may arise that make special allowances necessary. If you have questions or concerns, please talk with us.

### Visitor identification

To provide a safe and secure environment, we require all visitors to check in and get a visitor's pass when they enter the fourth floor. You'll need to wear this pass visibly during your visit and get a new pass every day you visit.

### Visiting hours

Parents, legal guardians or designated support persons are welcome at any time while their child is a patient here. For other relatives and visitors, suggested visiting hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. This allows the child and parents time to rest.

### General guidelines

- No more than four people should visit the patient at the same time.
- One adult may sleep overnight in the child's room. Other children are not allowed to spend the night in the patient's room. Please make arrangements for other children, including siblings, to stay with relatives or friends.
- If children younger than 12 years old, including siblings, will be visiting your hospitalized child, please let us know. We would like to help prepare them for their visit.
- Anyone who has a cold or cough or has recently been exposed to contagious illnesses is strongly urged to remain at home until they are well. Patients may be seriously endangered if they are exposed to colds, flus and other illnesses.
- Our doctors and nurses will determine whether we need to restrict visits in the interest of patient safety.
- To protect against dangerous allergic reactions, Providence St. Vincent Medical Center is a smoke-free, lily-free and latex-free facility. While latex balloons are not allowed, we do welcome shiny Mylar balloons in the general pediatric unit.

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## Helping you stay connected

We know having your child in the hospital is a stressful time. CarePages is a free, secure, personal website for patients and their families. You can share your story, provide updates, post photos, and receive well wishes from family and friends. To create your CarePages site, go to [www.carepages.com/providence.oregon](http://www.carepages.com/providence.oregon).

## Special considerations for intensive care (PICU) patients

- We recommend no more than two people visit a patient at the same time in the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) and surgery areas.
- A designated family room for parents and guardians of PICU patients is available on the unit. If you are interested, please contact a member of our team.
- If children under 12 years old will be visiting your child in the PICU, please give us 24-hours' notice. We will arrange for a child life specialist to meet with the visitors and prepare them for the sights and sounds they may encounter while visiting.
- Patient rounds occur from 9 - 10 a.m. Parents and guardians may stay with their child, but visitors may not come and go during this time.

### OUR MISSION

As people of Providence,  
we reveal God's love for all,  
especially the poor and vulnerable,  
through our compassionate service.

### OUR CORE VALUES

Respect, Compassion, Justice,  
Excellence, Stewardship

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