

Visitor restrictions lifted at Hiawatha Hospital

**(KNZA)--Due to a recent decline in flu activity within the Hiawatha Community Hospital's primary service area, the Hospital is lifting the current visitor restrictions, effective immediately.**

**That's according to a press release issued this week by the hospital.**

**The visitor restrictions were put in place January 10th to protect patients, visitors, and employees from the spread of the flu.**

**While the hospital is returning to its normal visitor guidelines, the release says there are still cases of the flu and flu-like illnesses within the region. The hospital requests that anyone feeling ill or having any signs or symptoms of the flu to not visit patients. Symptoms include cough, runny nose, fever, sore throat, muscle aches, and fatigue.**

**The Hospital says anyone seeking treatment at the hospital or its clinics exhibiting these symptoms still needs to use a mask while present in the facility. Masks are provided at no charge at most of the hospital's main entrances.**

**The hospital always recommends proper disinfection of hands by washing with soap and water or using sanitizing gel or foam when entering and leaving the facility to help prevent the spread of illness. Hand sanitizer stations are available at most of the hospital's main entrances and several places throughout the facility for everyone's use and protection.**

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