

Hiawatha hospital implements visitor restrictions

**(KNZA)--The Hiawatha Community Hospital has implemented visitor restrictions due to an increase in influenza and RSV ( respiratory syncytial virus).**

**According to a release from the hospital, the restrictions went into place on Monday, Dec. 30 as the HCH Infection Prevention Team determined that community influenza and RSV cases were on the rise.**

**Visitor Restrictions:**

- \* 1 or 2 close family members or caregivers. This could include: a spouse, adult child or others designated by the patient.**
- \* No children under 16 years of age.**
- \* No one ill or exhibiting active symptoms of cough, fever, head or body aches.**
- \* No one who has been diagnosed with influenza within 7 days of the date you plan to visit those who are hospitalized.**

**What can you do?**

**Prior to coming into the hospital, all staff, necessary visitors and patients are asked to use the hand sanitizer stations that are located at each entrance.**

**If you are sick or exhibiting active symptoms of a cough, fever, head or body aches, we ask that you also put on a mask. Masks are also located at all entrances. Please talk to a nurse or provider if you feel an exception should be made or you would like assistance passing on a message of support.**

**"We thank you for your diligence in keeping the spread of infections and germs at bay."**