



For Immediate Release

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Media Alert: Cook Children's Medical Center Changes Visitation

Effective 5 a.m., March 8, Two Primary Caregivers Allowed Per Admitted Patient

What

Throughout the COVID-19 health crisis, Cook Children's has made every effort to keep patients and families safe while following the latest guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Since Nov. 16, only one caregiver has been allowed at Cook Children's Medical Center per patient. Beginning at 5 a.m. on Monday, March 8, the visitation policy will change, allowing two primary caregivers inside the medical center per admitted patient.

Who

The new visitation policy affects families with a child admitted to Cook Children's Medical Center. Two primary caregivers will be able to accompany the patient in the hospital and stay with them in their room while they are an inpatient. Siblings and other visitors will not be allowed.

For primary care appointments and other outpatient visits (such as urgent care, specialty care, neighborhood clinics and surgery centers), any two people from the child's household are permitted attend to appointments or visits. For example: mom and sister; dad and daughter; mom and grandmother.

For emergency room visits, special exceptions will be made for families who have other children with them when they arrive. Special considerations are also made for situations involving end-of-life and other times when an additional visitor may be necessary.

Where

Cook Children's Medical Center is located at 801 7th Ave. in Fort Worth, Texas.

Other

Cook Children's will still require masks to be worn by employees and anyone over the age of 2 entering Cook Children's locations. This includes patients, caregivers and those who have been fully vaccinated. In addition, all visitors will be screened for the virus via temperature and symptom checks.

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About Cook Children's

Cook Children's Health Care System embraces an inspiring Promise – to improve the health of every



child in our region through the prevention and treatment of illness, disease and injury. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, we're proud of our long and rich tradition of serving our community.

Our not-for-profit organization encompasses nine companies – a medical center, two surgery centers, a physician network, home health services and a health plan. It also includes Child Study Center at Cook Children's, Cook Children's Health Services Inc., and Cook Children's Health Foundation. With more than 60 primary, specialty and urgent care locations throughout Texas, families can access our top-ranked specialty programs and network of services to meet their unique needs.

We've worked to improve the health of children from across our primary service area of Denton, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant and Wise counties for more than 100 years. Based on the exceptional care we provide, patients travel to Cook Children's from around the country and the globe to receive life-saving pediatric care built on leading technology, extraordinary collaboration and the art of caring.

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