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PMC Announce New Visitation Policy

New visitation restrictions in place to keep patients healthy

Pocatello, ID (October 8, 2009) In the spring of 2009, WHO (World Health Organization) raised the level of the H1N1 virus spread to Phase 6 or pandemic phase.

Because the H1N1 virus will cause illness, hospital stays and deaths over the next several months, Portneuf Medical Center has **limited visitation to 2 persons over the age of 18** (immediate family) per patient. Signs will be posted at all entrances stating the reasons for this limitation.

The H1N1 virus is a new and very different influenza virus that is spreading and targeting certain groups of people, including:

- **pregnant women** because they are at higher risk of complications,
- **children and young adults under 24 years old** because of their close contact in school and daycare settings, and
- **persons over age 25 with certain health conditions** such as obesity, asthma, diabetes, and other chronic conditions.

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