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Memorial Medical Center limiting visitors

Ashland, WI – Memorial Medical Center is limiting visitors to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses, including Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Only one well visitor per patient will be allowed entrance into the facility to help control the spread of illness. Any visitors with flu-like symptoms such as fever and new or worsening cough or shortness of breath will not be allowed entrance.

Those visitors allowed entrance must sign-in at the main hospital registration desk and fill-in the visitor information log.

This is a rapidly evolving situation and Memorial Medical Center will take additional steps to help control the spread of COVID-19 as necessary. We recognize interacting with friends and family can be helpful in the healing process and strongly encourage everyone to use other forms of support such as phone calls and video chats.

For your protection and the protection of others:

- Wash your hands or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer after arriving and before leaving.
- Always cover your cough and sneeze using a tissue or your elbow. Throw away tissue and wash your hands.
- Get a flu shot.

For those that have flu or cold-like symptoms, please stay home from work or school. If symptoms worsen, or you have any concerns, please call your primary care provider before visiting a doctor's office, urgent care or emergency department.

If you do not have a primary care provider, please call any of the local primary care clinics:

Essentia Clinic: (715) 685-7500 NorthLakes Clinic: (715) 685-2200 Main Street Clinic: (715) 682-5601

St. Luke's Chequamegon Clinic: (715) 685-6600

Memorial Medical Center (MMC) is a private, not-for-profit, critical-access hospital with over 60 full-time physicians on staff. MMC is a rural facility that provides needed access to patients who might otherwise have a difficult time reaching a hospital. MMC serves as a regional medical referral center for patients from seven northwestern Wisconsin counties and the neighboring Gogebic County of Michigan, with a mission to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of the greater south shore region of Lake Superior.