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## **Hospitals Lift Visitor Age Restriction**

With decreasing influenza activity in the Rock River Region, OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, Mercyhealth, SwedishAmerican, a division of UW Health, and the University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford in cooperation with the Winnebago County Health Department, have removed visitor restrictions and the masking requirements of unvaccinated healthcare staff.

The health department and the hospital systems remind everyone:

- Visitors who are ill should avoid contact with people who are at risk
- It's not too late to vaccinate against influenza
- Practice proper hygiene by covering coughs, cleaning hands often, and staying home when sick. (CLEAN, COVER, CONTAIN)

### **Additional Information**

Influenza information – health facts sheets, handouts and resources tools

Centers of Disease Control ([CDC](http://CDC))

Health and Human Services ([Flu.gov](http://Flu.gov))

Winnebago County Health Department ([WCHD](http://WCHD))

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