## Flu Update Alert: Temporary Changes to Our Visitor Policy.

For the safety of patients, visitors and staff, Sharon Hospital has made temporary changes to our visitor policy due to the increase of illness from the flu in our community.

Visitors, especially children, may not know they have the flu. The may not be showing flu symptoms and can easily pass the flu to others. Your loved one is in the hospital to get better and can get very sick from visitors who may only have mild flu symptoms.

## For the Safety of Our Patients, Visitors and Staff:

Until posted notice that "Active Flu Season" has ended:

**Children under the age of 14** and anyone with the following symptoms **must not** visit patients in the hospital.

- Fever
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny Nose
- Nasal Congestion
- Body aches

Anyone going to one of our physician practices with any of these symptoms must wear a mask.

## Please limit two visitors to a patient at a time.

Our responsibility to the community requires that we do what we believe is best for our patients, our employees, our physicians and the public's health. Because of this responsibility, we strongly advise that everyone get the influenza vaccine and highly recommend that those not yet vaccinated do so.

Thank you for helping to keep our community as healthy as possible.