

**\*\* PEDIATRIC INPATIENT VISITOR POLICY (Effective March 25, 2020) \*\***

Dear Patients,

I am writing to share how the NIH Clinical Center plans to implement the new visitor policy among our pediatric inpatient population. We must further restrict visitation to reduce the risk of transmission of the virus to our patients and staff.

**As of Wednesday, March 25, 2020, the NIH Clinical Center will manage visiting to pediatric inpatients in the following way:**

- **The family of each pediatric patient may identify two caregivers for the duration of the hospital stay.**
- **The two named caregivers cannot change during the course of the admission.**
- **The caregivers should be parents or legal guardians, in good general health and willing to “room in” with the patient.**
- **Only one caregiver should be present in the hospital at any one time.**
- **Caregivers are allowed to rotate/take turns “rooming in” in no less than one week (7 day) intervals.**

*(By “rooming in” we mean visitors permitted under these limited exceptions must remain in the patient room for the duration of the visit. Further, such excepted visitors who display symptoms during our screening process, such as a fever or cough, will not be permitted to proceed further into the NIH Clinical Center.)*

My continued thanks for abiding by this new visitor policy to help us safeguard against the rapidly evolving threat from the coronavirus. And, thank you for your understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns that you wish to discuss, please contact me at [James.Gilman@nih.gov](mailto:James.Gilman@nih.gov)

Sincerely,  
Dr. Jim Gilman  
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