

# 2011-12 Respiratory Virus Season Children's Center Plan

## Parent and Visitor Information

- ❖ *Always clean your hands using soap and water or Purell before entering and when leaving your child's room.*

### While your child is being evaluated for a viral respiratory illness and if a respiratory virus is identified:

- ❖ Your child is on droplet precautions. This means that parents, visitors and staff are expected to wear a gown and gloves to enter your child's room and a mask with eye protection when within 6 feet of the child.
- ❖ To maximize your child's safety and the safety of other patients, your child may be required to change rooms during the hospital stay.
- ❖ Your child must limit his/her movement around the hospital and only leave the room for essential medical procedures. If he/she needs to leave the room for a medical procedure, he/she must clean his/her hands and put on a mask.
- ❖ Before leaving the child's room, parents and visitors are expected to remove the gloves, gown and mask, clean their hands and then put on a clean mask (eye protection is not necessary), especially when walking around the unit.
- ❖ Parents and visitors may not touch or handle other patients or their toys while visiting the Children's Center.

### Playrooms and the Family Resource Library

- ❖ The playroom on CMSC-6 will be closed during Stage 2 of respiratory virus season.
- ❖ Playrooms on other units (CMSC-9, 8, 4 and PCRU) will be open when a Child Life Specialist is on duty. Children on isolation precautions and their families cannot visit the playroom at any time. Playrooms may be closed completely if needed to control nosocomial transmission of respiratory viruses.
- ❖ The Family Resource Library will be open but children on isolation precautions and their families are not allowed to visit the library.

### Visitation

- ❖ No one with a fever and respiratory symptoms may visit. Anyone with respiratory symptoms but no fever who must enter the hospital should put on a mask as soon as they arrive.
- ❖ Children under the age of 16 years are not allowed to visit the Children's Center during stage 2 of the respiratory virus season. Some units may implement more stringent restrictions. Exceptions will be made on a case by case basis.

*Thank you for helping us prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask your doctor or nurse.*