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At Jewish Geriatric Services, we take seasonal flu and H1N1 health risks seriously and feel strongly about protecting our residents and staff. This is especially important as many of those we serve have chronic conditions and reduced immunity.

As it is our goal to provide our residents with the safest possible care environment, we are implementing a visitation policy during this flu season to reduce resident and employee exposure to flu on our campus. We understand the impact these restrictions may have on families and their loved ones, but hope you can recognize the importance of our resident's safety.

Therefore, visitors under the age of 13, will not be allowed on this campus. Visits by volunteers and groups under the age of 13 will be postponed. Children are a focus because they are more likely to transmit the flu to others and to be affected by H1N1, themselves.

We would like to share with those teen and adult visitors, how you can assist us during this time, and the precautions being taken on our campus.

If you or members of your household experience respiratory symptoms and fever please refrain from visiting your loved one to prevent spread of illness. Once your symptoms have subsided, wait an additional week before resuming your visits.

Before visiting please wash your hands with soap and warm water. Upon arrival please utilize the hand sanitizer available as this virus is spread through the air and surface contact.

JGS joins other healthcare organizations in restricting visitors to help reduce the spread of influenza. This visitation policy is based on Center for Disease Control guidelines. We will review this policy on a regular basis.

Thank you for your cooperation, as our partner in caring for your loved one. Please feel free to contact either of us should you have any questions.

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