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Day Kimball Healthcare Implements Expanded Visitation Restrictions

Impacts Day Kimball Medical Group Sites and Volunteer Services

PUTNAM, CONN. (Mar. 15, 2020) – Day Kimball Healthcare (DKH) continues to take necessary steps to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses, including coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

In a recent [press release](#) the health system announced the implementation of temporary visitation restrictions effective Monday, March 16, 2020, to curtail foot traffic at Day Kimball Hospital and encouraged community members to avoid coming to the hospital for non-medical reasons.

To further protect the health of its patients, workforce and the community, DKH is implementing temporary accompaniment restrictions at its Day Kimball Medical Group (DKMG) offices.

Effective Monday, March 16, all patients who have an appointment may be accompanied to the DKMG office by one adult only. Children under 18 years of age may not accompany patients or family members to the DKMG office, unless the child is the patient.

DKMG primary and specialty care locations and services are as follows:

Primary Care Services:

- Family Medicine at both 45 Green Hollow Road in Danielson, and 7 Kennedy Drive in Putnam;
- Internal Medicine at both it's Day Kimball Healthcare Center at 612 Hartford Pike in Dayville, and Day Kimball Healthcare Center at 12 Lathrop Road in Plainfield;
- Pediatrics at both it's Day Kimball Healthcare Center at 12 Lathrop Road in Plainfield, and Day Kimball Hospital Campus at 320 Pomfret Street in Putnam;
- Walk-In Clinic at Day Kimball Healthcare Center at 12 Lathrop Road in Plainfield

Specialty Care Services

- Dermatology Services at Day Kimball Healthcare Center at 55 Green Hollow Road in Danielson;
- General Surgery, Maternal Fetal Medicine, and Pulmonary Medicine at 346 Pomfret Street in Putnam;
- Obstetrics & Gynecology at both Day Kimball Healthcare Center, 12 Lathrop Road in Plainfield, and at Day Kimball Hospital Campus, 320 Pomfret Street in Putnam;

- Urology Services at Day Kimball Hospital Campus, 320 Pomfret Street in Putnam

All accompanying persons will be screened for risk factors for COVID-19, and only permitted in the DKMG office if deemed low risk. If an accompanying person has risk factors, or shows symptoms of illness, an alternate person must be identified, as this person will not be allowed in the DKMG office.

These temporary accompaniment restrictions will remain in effect until further notice.

DKH is screening all patients with upcoming appointments with basic questions about travel and symptoms. Symptoms including fever, cough and shortness of breath may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

DKH urges individuals to call their healthcare provider before going to the office if they believe they may have coronavirus, or if they have been in close contact with a person known to have coronavirus, especially if they are experiencing moderate-to-severe respiratory symptoms and have traveled recently.

Additionally, volunteer support across the Day Kimball Healthcare system has been suspended until further notice.

“With continued concern regarding the COVID-19 virus, our utmost responsibility as a healthcare systems is to keep our patients, employees, volunteers, and visitors safe, said John Graham, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Vice President of Quality and Medical Affairs, Day Kimball Healthcare. “This is a rapidly evolving situation, and DKH will take additional steps to help control the spread of COVID-19 as necessary.”

DKH continues to follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the CT Department of Public Health and has implemented a comprehensive coronavirus care protocol. The health system’s medical and administrative leaders meet daily to promote system readiness.

DKH is not currently treating any patients with confirmed 2019 novel coronavirus.

DKH recognizes that interacting with friends and family can be helpful to the healing process and strongly encourages everyone to utilize other forms of support for their loved ones, such as phone calls, video chats on cell phones or other mobile devices.

As always, the health system encourages residents to take preventive steps such as frequently washing their hands, avoiding touching their face, and staying home if sick.

For the latest information, read more on the CDC website, www.cdc.gov, and the CT DPH website, www.ct.gov/coronavirus.

Learn more about measures Day Kimball Healthcare is taking to address the spread of coronavirus at <http://www.daykimball.org/coronavirus> or call 2-1-1, the CT State Hotline for information.

About Day Kimball Healthcare

Day Kimball Healthcare is a nonprofit community healthcare system comprised of Day Kimball Hospital, Day Kimball Hospital, Day Kimball Medical Group, Day Kimball Healthcare At Home,

and healthcare centers in Danielson, Dayville, Plainfield, and Putnam. Its service area includes Northeast Connecticut as well as nearby Massachusetts and Rhode Island communities. Day Kimball Healthcare's comprehensive network offers more than 1,000 staff including nearly 300 associated, highly skilled physicians, surgeons and specialists. Its website is www.daykimball.org.