## Visitor Restrictions in Place Due to Flu

Influenza activity has increased in our Northwest Indiana area. Franciscan Health hospitals in Dyer, Crown Point, Hammond, Michigan City and Munster have instituted visitor restrictions to ensure the safety of the patients, their families and hospital staff.

## Visitor restrictions include:

- No more than two visitors at a time.
- No children under the age of 16.
- Visitors to a NICU are limited to parents. Grandparents if vaccinated more than 2 weeks ago. No children will be allowed.
- In the Postpartum Units an exception will made for siblings visiting in postpartum after the birth of a baby. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times and should be in good health without signs of respiratory infection.

Please remember that many respiratory illnesses besides the flu are transmitted when a person coughs, sneezes or touches surfaces with contaminated hands. Remember to cover your cough and wash hands frequently to prevent the spread of infection.