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# News Release

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## **LEBANON VA MEDICAL CENTER TO INSTITUTE H1N1 PRECAUTIONS**

The Lebanon VA Medical Center will immediately institute a temporary visitor restriction to protect Veterans, staff, and other visitors during the current influenza season. We request that no one visit who is ill. This includes those with fever, cough, and/or gastrointestinal illness. Recently ill persons should be fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication before they visit. In addition, we have restricted entry to anyone under the age of 18. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), this age group has been more at risk for the H1N1 influenza and they can easily spread the virus to those who are compromised due to illness. "The health and welfare of our staff, Veterans, and the general public are of utmost importance. Therefore, we are taking precautionary measures to help reduce the spread of infection," says Robert W. Callahan, Jr., Medical Center Director.

These restrictions are temporary and will be adjusted as the situation allows. We appreciate the cooperation of our visitors.

Alcohol handwash products are available at every entrance and we recommend that all who enter any of our locations practice good hand hygiene both on entering and exiting the building.

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