Tower Health is committed to protecting the safety of our patients, staff, and community. To do our part in reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we are implementing the following visitor restrictions and screening policies at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children until further notice:

- **In Inpatient Areas and the Emergency Department:**
  - Parents and guardians of pediatric patients are permitted.

- **In the NICU:**
  - Only two parents are allowed at the bedside.
  - Visitation times: **EITHER** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.
    - Parents must visit either on the day shift or the night shift, **not** both, to avoid potential exposure to both shifts of healthcare workers.
  - Parents are to enter and exit the hospital only once per day.
    - You may leave the NICU to go to the cafeteria and take a meal break in the atrium but please limit this to once per visit. This helps limit contact with others throughout the hospital as much as possible.
  - All parents will be re-screened for COVID symptoms or exposure, including temperature checks, before entering the NICU at the time of your daily visit.
  - All parents must wear a mask when entering the NICU and during their visit in the NICU.

- **In physician practices, urgent care practices, and ambulatory surgery locations:**
  - One designated support person is permitted.
  - No switching of visitors back and forth.

The patient's care team will make a decision on a case-by-case basis as to whether the visitor is clinically appropriate, including when the visitor in question is a family member supporting the patient by providing care. In the event there is a conflict about whether a visitor may enter, clinical judgment will prevail.

**All approved visitors must be screened in accordance with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH).** Screening will occur at all location entry points.

Your health, safety, and comfort are our top priorities. These restrictions will be continuously evaluated as the COVID-19 situation evolves and are subject to change based on guidance from the CDC and PA DOH.

In an abundance of caution, we will also take the following precautionary measures:

- All activities that invite community members to **any** Tower Health facility for events or educational programs will be cancelled until further notice.

- Volunteer services will be restricted to only those that are clinically required.

- Permitted vendors will be restricted to only the clinically necessary, including those working on active projects, repairs, technology, or equipment.

- Delivery of food, flowers, or other items from outside sources will be restricted.