

## **IMPORTANT VISITOR INFORMATION**

- PLEASE DO NOT VISIT PATIENTS IF YOU HAVE FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS
- IF YOU ARE NOT WELL AND WANT TO VISIT A PATIENT PLEASE CALL THE WARD AHEAD OF TIME - IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES ACCESS MAY BE ARRANGED
- OTHERWISE VISITORS SHOWING FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE WARDS

Auckland District Health Board (ADHB) is asking members of the public with flu-like symptoms not to visit patients in hospital.

The request is to protect patients and reduce the risk of spreading infection and is in line with the Ministry of Health Influenza A H1N1 virus advice.

Visitors to Auckland City Hospital displaying flu-like symptoms will not be permitted access to wards unless there are exceptional circumstances. Anyone displaying symptoms but wishing to visit a patient must first ring ahead for advice. If their visit is cleared with the ward charge nurse or hospital duty manager, they will be asked to wear surgical masks and reduce their visit duration.

ADHB acknowledges that while restrictions may cause some inconvenience for families and caregivers, its priority is the health and welfare of its patients and the staff who care for them. The hospital is instead encouraging an alternative family member or support person to visit wherever possible.

More information about Novel Influenza A (H1N1) 09 is available by visiting [www.moh.govt.nz/influenza-a-h1n1](http://www.moh.govt.nz/influenza-a-h1n1) or by calling Healthline on 0800 611 116 for free 24/7 health advice.