

KNIFE RIVER CARE CENTER GENERAL VISITATION AND RESTRICTION LEVELS

Purpose: It is the policy of Knife River Care Center (KRCC) that during an infectious disease outbreak/community epidemic, visitation may be limited or restricted entirely to prevent the spread of communicable diseases to the frail, immunocompromised, and/or elderly population. It is the priority of KRCC to protect the health and safety of the resident, while ensuring the resident's rights.

Procedures: Annually during influenza season and/or other infectious disease outbreaks the community, staff, and KRCC residents and/or primary contact will be reeducated on the following restriction levels and communication of these restrictions. The Yellow and Orange level changes will be determined by the Medical Director, in consultation with the administrator. These levels as well as direction from the Center for Disease Control (CDC)/North Dakota Department of Health (NDDOH) will serve as a guideline for visitation restrictions. Level changes would include, but are not limited to; communicable disease outbreaks (i.e. influenza, tuberculosis, scabies, lice, norovirus, pink eye, pneumonia, Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Clostridium Difficile, etc.).

- Level Green—This is the general visitation level. Please do not visit if you have any obvious signs and symptoms of an infection or illness. Always sanitize your hands before and after visiting. If you have been around someone in the last 48 hours who has been ill, use the same precautions listed above.
- Level Yellow—No kids under the age of 12 and masks are to be worn by visitors in common areas. Notification will be provided to residents and/or primary contact and the community as soon as possible (ASAP) prior to the change in visitation restriction level.
- Level Orange—Limited visitation from 10 am to 2 pm, no coffee time/close proximity activities will occur by volunteer staff. Large group activities will continue. Family and friends to visit in room only. Notification will be provided to residents and/or primary contact and the community ASAP prior to the change in visitation restriction level.
- Level Black—Outbreak. There has been an outbreak of disease in the facility and visiting will be restricted. This change will be implemented only after approval from the CDC and NDDOH. Notification will be provided to residents and/or primary contact and the community ASAP.

In all situations, exceptions will be provided for any resident who is actively dying. For all other visitation requests will be arranged with coordination of the interdisciplinary team. In addition, the infection preventionist or designee will provide education on the risk factors associated prior to the visit with the resident and family.

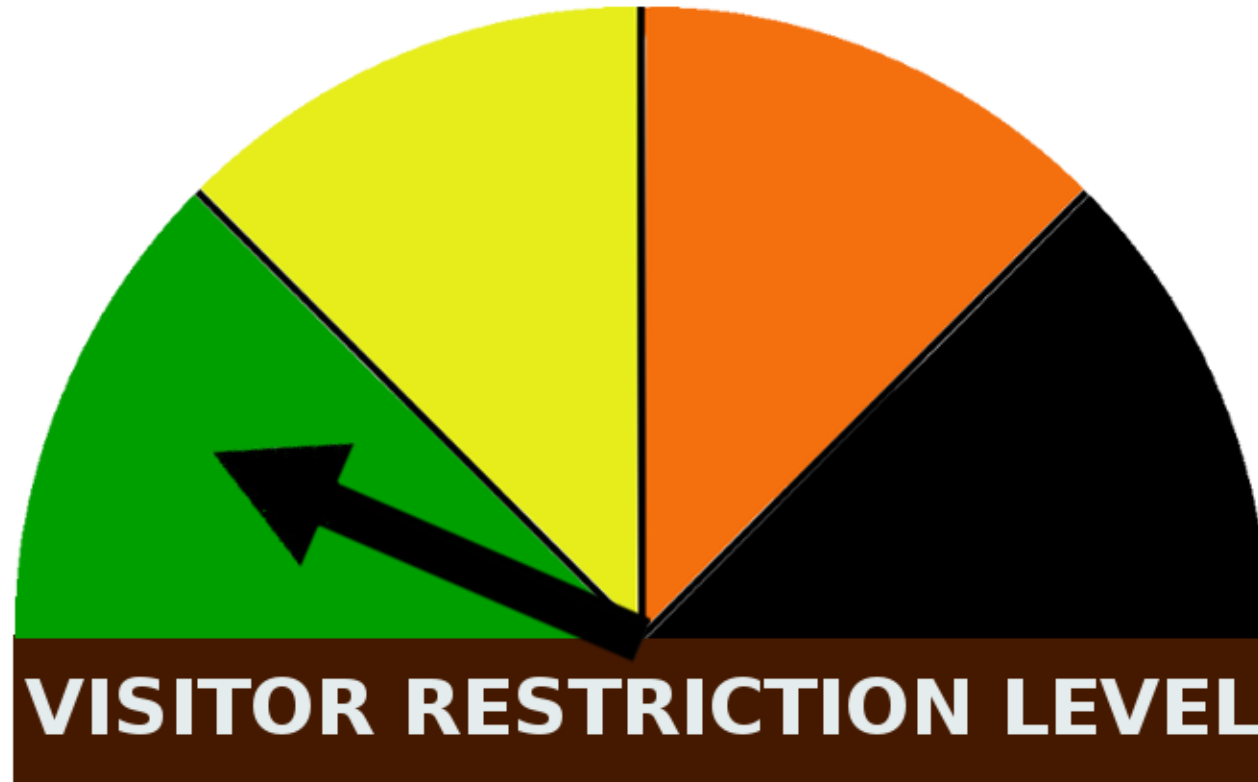
Communication Plan:

- KRCC will inform the primary contact via phone/text message ASAP of the level change. Notification attempts will be documented in the medical record. The visitor restriction level will be posted daily by the Main Activity Calendar located outside the Fellowship Hall and at the front entrance of KRCC.

- The General Visitation and Restriction Levels Policy will be included with the consent forms and Influenza Vaccine Information Statement when mailed out every September to the resident and/or primary contact. This will also be reviewed at the September Resident Council meeting.
- A copy of the General Visitation and Restriction Level Policy will be included in the admission packet for all admissions to KRCC.
- Annually in September KRCC will publish the General Visitation and Restriction Levels Policy in the Beulah Beacon and Hazen Star for community education.
- KRCC website and Hazen/Beulah community TV channel will display the current visitation level daily.
- KRCC newsletter will cover infection prevention information every month from September to March.
- Annual staff training on the General Visitation and Restriction Levels Policy and resident rights will be completed.

Policy/Procedures Reviewed/Revised			
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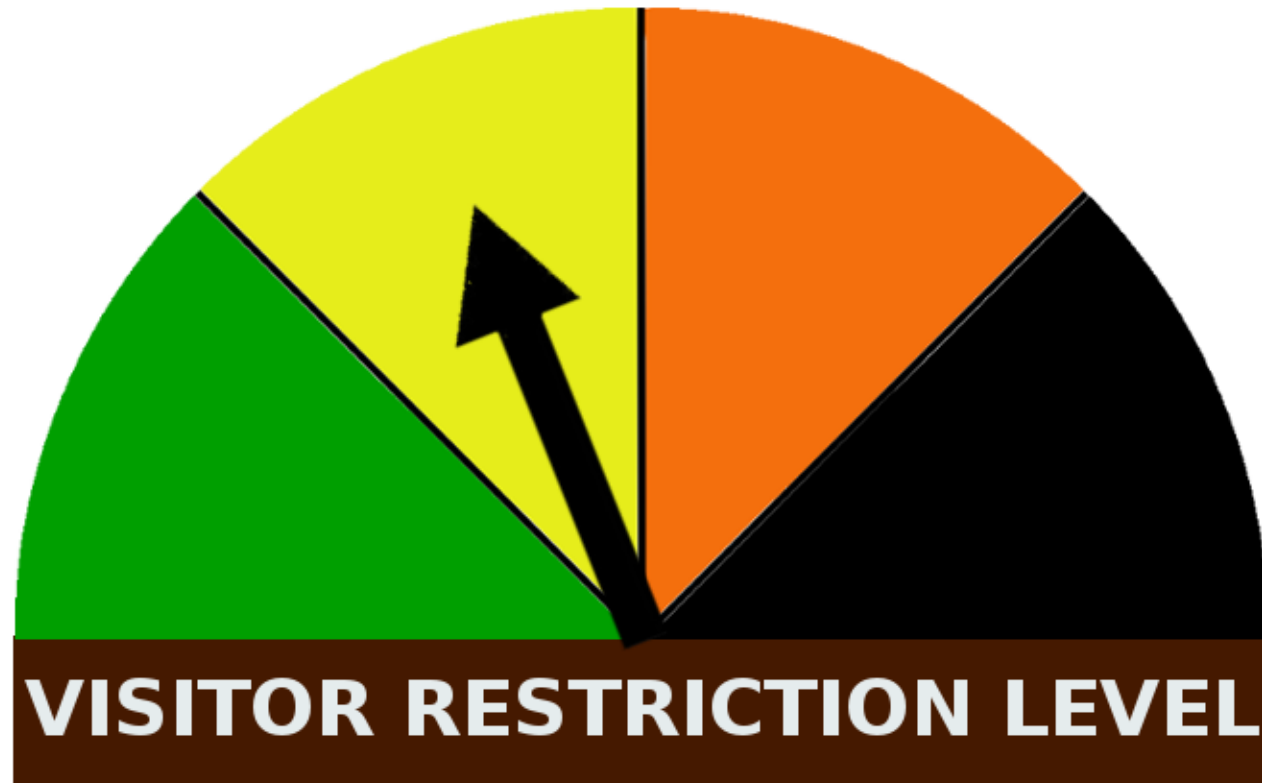
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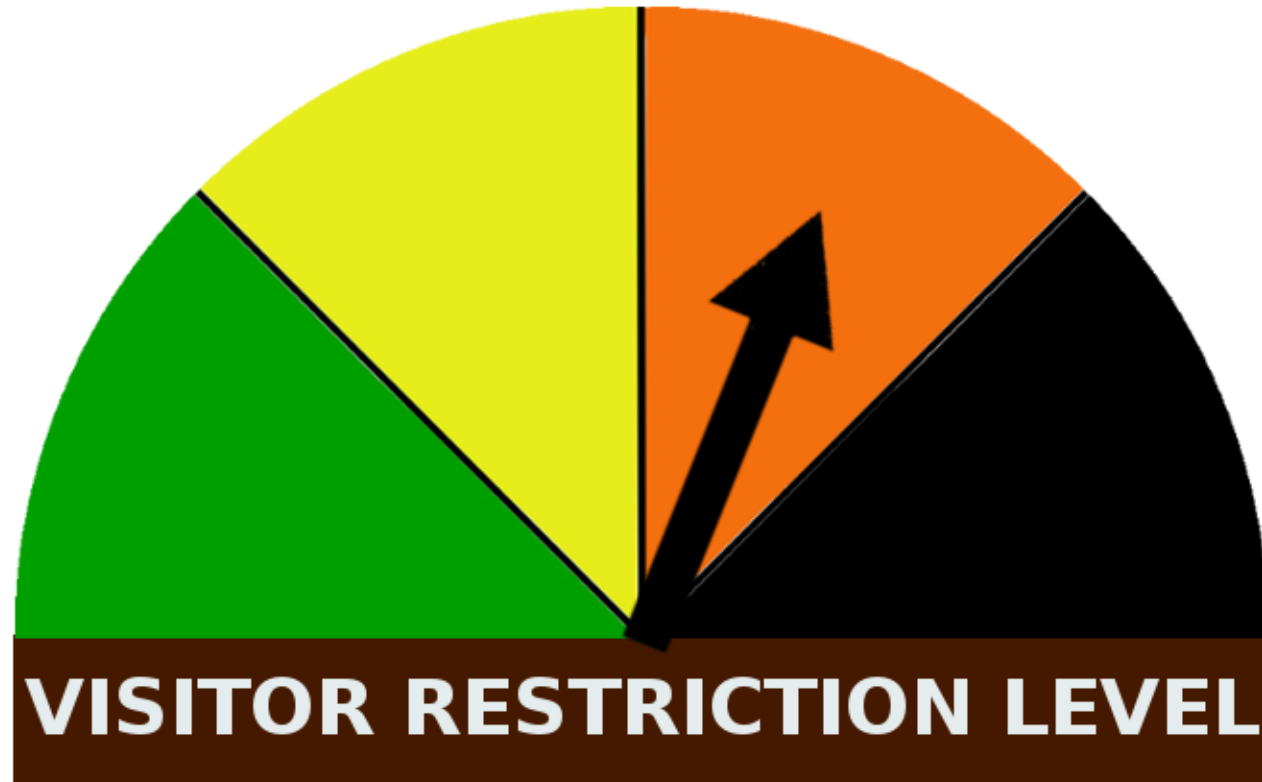
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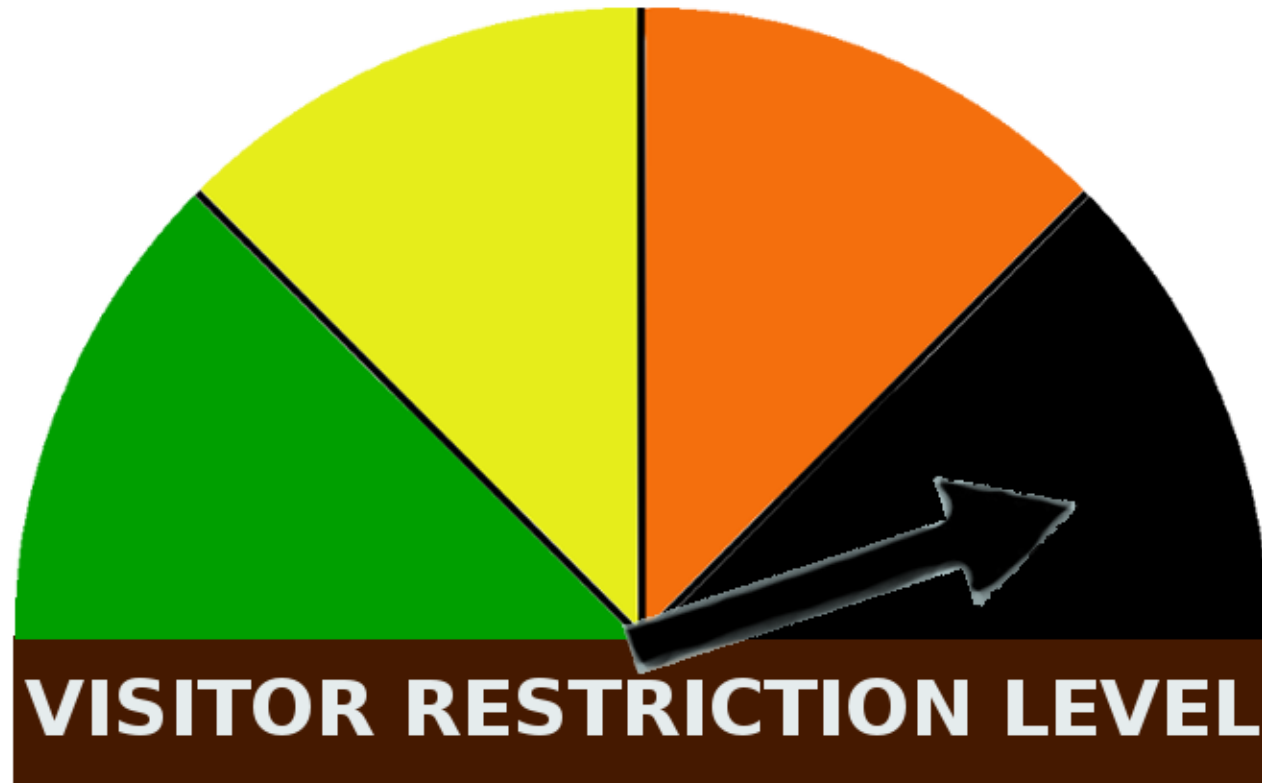
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