**Clinic News**

**Cloth Face Coverings Required**

Face coverings are now required for anyone entering a CHKD facility. (Children under age 3 or those who are not developmentally or medically able to wear a mask are exempt.)

If you are coming to the clinic, outpatient laboratory, emergency department, or coming for an admission, please make sure you and your child are wearing a face covering. During this time, a face covering may provide an extra layer of protection for our patients. Thank you for your help with this request.

**Hospital Screening and COVID-19 Clinic Changes**

- Please tell the initial person you speak with at CHKD that you have an appointment at the Children’s Cancer and Blood Disorders Clinic. If you or your child is sick, they will escort you to a separate, designated entrance to our clinic.
- We continue to limit the number of people who can accompany each patient during their visit to one adult (no other children) per hospital policy.
- During this time, we ask that you please arrive on time for your appointments so we are able to maintain our safety precautions. Patients who arrive more than 10 minutes late for their appointment may be rescheduled.
Support

Parents and Caregivers Support Group

Join other parents and caregivers of children with cancer for support during this challenging time. The support group will meet virtually using the Zoom platform every fourth Tuesday of the month. All meetings begin at noon and last one hour. Please contact Rebecca Ruck at (757) 668-9617 or Kelly Trejo at (757) 668-7931 if you have any questions.

Register online for the Tuesday, June 23 meeting or at https://cvent.me/wznLm2.

Upcoming support group dates:

- July 28, 2020
- Aug 25, 2020

Education Corner

COVID-19: Protect Yourself and Your Family

The best way to avoid getting sick with COVID-19 is to avoid close contact with others. That’s the basic benefit of all the “social distancing” we’re doing by closing schools and businesses. When you do go out, stand at least six feet away from other people. Keep your hands clean and away from your face.

Even when you’re at home, remember to do the following:

- Make sure everyone in your household washes their hands often with soap and water or uses an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you believe you are sick.
- Avoid touching your face, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- As always, talk to your primary care provider about any symptoms or questions.

Beads of Hope

The bead program is designed to document and honor the journey that children take after being diagnosed with cancer. This program is an opportunity for children to tell their story using colorful beads as meaningful symbols of the many stops along their treatment path.

Children who wish to participate will be given a necklace with beads to spell out their name. Additional colored and specialty beads, each representing a different aspect of care, will be available to add to the necklace at appointments. Every time a child has a poke, procedure, chemo, admission, etc., they will be given a distinctive bead to add to their necklace. Each necklace will become a true testimony of the child’s individual experience with cancer.

If your child is interested in participating in this program, ask a member of your treatment team.