PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT/NEWS RELEASE:

Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center Restricts Visitors to Community Living Center and Acute/Telemetry Care Unit

In an effort to keep Veterans at the Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center, located at 1500 Weiss Street, Saginaw, Michigan, from contracting the influenza, the facility has implemented the following visiting restrictions:

♦ If you have a **cough, congestion, runny nose, or fever**, please do not visit until you have not had symptoms for 24 hours.
♦ If you must visit, and you think you might be ill, ask a staff member for a protection mask to wear during your visit.
♦ **Wash your hands** with soap and water, or use hand gel frequently to stop the spread of germs.
♦ **No Visitors** under 18 years of age.

Your assistance in helping us prevent the spread of Influenza is greatly appreciated.

If you are a Veteran enrolled for care at the VA Medical Center in Saginaw, or any of the Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Alpena, Bad Axe, Cadillac, Cheboygan County (Mackinaw), Clare, Gaylord, Grayling, Oscoda, or Traverse City, and you have not already received your flu vaccine, it is not too late. Please talk with your Primary Care Team about how you can be vaccinated.

The Aleda E. Lutz VAMC in Saginaw, Michigan operates an 81-bed skilled nursing and rehabilitation Community Living Center, with an additional 8-bed acute medicine and telemetry wing. It provides care to over 36,300 Veterans in a 35-county geographic area, from mid-Michigan to the Mackinac Bridge. Veterans also receive care at one of our nine VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics located throughout Michigan. More information about this VA can be found at [www.saginaw.va.gov](http://www.saginaw.va.gov).

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