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ANNOUNCEMENT FROM UPMC REGARDING CLERGY ADMISSION:

In an effort to gain secure clarity from UPMS regarding clergy admissions policies amid COVID-19 concerns, Father Larry DiNardo had a conversation with health system leadership, which resulted in the addition of the following directive in the latest UPMS COVID-a9 Update email. This went out to their employees:

Clergy and Pastoral Care Support Persons Are Permitted

UPMS-employed pastoral care and non-employed community clergy are essential partners in our mission to provide Life Changing Medicine. Support person visits by clergy and pastoral care are permitted for any patient or next of kin who wishes for the patient to have a clergy visit.

- ***For inpatient and Emergency Department visits:*** follow the COVID-19 Visitor Restriction guidelines.
- ***For COVID-19 positive patients and PUIs:*** follow the COVID-19 Positive Patient Support Person guidelines.

Like all employees and support persons who enter UPMC facilities, we screen local clergy entry. If screening temporarily restricts a member of the clergy from entry they may identify an alternate person to provide a pastoral visitation.