#### **Clubhouse Guidelines:**

- A parent or legal guardian must sign siblings in and complete a brief health checklist to verify that the child is not ill.
- Parent/guardian is provided with a pager for Clubhouse staff to communicate with you.
- Due to safety, children must be 3 years of age or older.
- A typical visit to The Clubhouse is approximately up to 1 ½ hours. Children can be in The Clubhouse for a maximum of three hours per day.
- Parent/guardian must remain inside the Nationwide Children's Hospital main campus while the children are in The Clubhouse.
- We reserve the right to refuse entry to any child due to room capacity, disciplinary concerns, or illness related concerns.
- No food or drink is allowed in The Clubhouse.
- No reservations are needed.
- The Clubhouse is a free service.
- Children who use the Clubhouse must be healthy and symptom free.

For more information please call Nationwide Children's Hospital Clubhouse at (614) 722-9248.



Clubhouse

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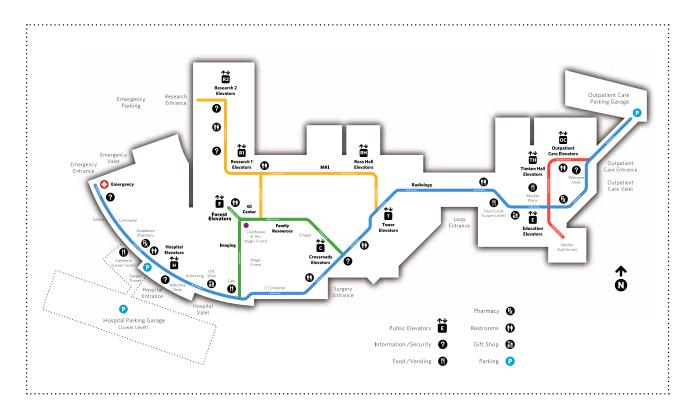


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At Nationwide Children's Hospital, we know that it's not just children with illnesses or injuries that need the special attention and expert care we provide. Their brothers and sisters need nurturing, too. That's why we started the Nationwide Children's Hospital Clubhouse, a special place for pre-school and school-aged children to visit, play and learn while their siblings are in the hospital. Over long hospital stays and numerous doctors' visits, The Clubhouse can help relieve your children's stress and anxiety, not to mention your own.

#### The Clubhouse:

- Provides opportunities for children to express and cope with a range of emotions
- Provides opportunities to ask questions regarding their siblings illness or injury and get answers that they can understand
- Provides age-appropriate and safe play environments
- Provides an opportunity to create video messages or CD recordings to send messages to siblings when visitation is not allowed
- Provides preparation for visiting their sibling for the first time or when things change medically for their sibling
- Is a place just for brothers and sisters to go while their siblings come for appointments



### Specialized care for specialized needs.

The brothers and sisters of sick and injured children may feel many different emotions. Feelings range from anxiety, guilt, anger, jealousy and embarrassment to loneliness, worry, grief, sadness and resentment. Kids express these feelings in different ways.

Nationwide Children's Hospital Clubhouse offers a safe and supportive environment for kids to make sense of their feelings. Our staff of professionals and highly trained volunteers will keep your children engaged in fun activities that also help them cope with their emotions. Our staff plans developmentally appropriate activities for children ages 3 to 11. Kids can ask questions about their siblings' illnesses — and get answers they'll understand.

## **Hours of Operation:**

Weekdays 8 a.m. - Noon and 1 p.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Hours exclude holidays.

The Clubhouse is a free service provided to our patients' families. Siblings of children receiving inpatient or outpatient services at Nationwide Children's Hospital are invited to visit The Clubhouse. It's located on the green path near the Magic Forest (see purple dot). Children are welcome to stay up to an hour and half at a time. Maximum three hours per day.