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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Few children at BC Children's Hospital during the holidays

**Vancouver, B.C.** – Most children presently at BC Children's Hospital will be at home for the holiday season. Only the sickest children, who are too ill to leave the hospital, will remain.

The weeks leading up to Christmas are always a busy time at Children's, with numerous Christmas parties for our patients, visits from sports teams, entertainers, and other treats. In the days just before Christmas, things are winding down, and those patients who are able to will go home.

Children who do remain at the hospital over Christmas will be well taken care of, surrounded by family and friends. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in giving these children some quiet time to spend with their families over the holiday season.

With this in mind, we will not be providing Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or Boxing day photo opportunities at the hospital this year.

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