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When is the center open?

- Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Hours exclude holidays.
- Reservations/appointments are required

For more information or to make an appointment, please call the Lemieux Sibling Center at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh at **412-692-5343**.

Lemieux Sibling Center
A Therapeutic Activity Center for Brothers and Sisters

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Nathalie Lemieux, wife of NHL Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux knows first-hand the range of emotions boys and girls experience when a sibling needs medical care. To help brothers and sisters cope more effectively with illness or injury, the Mario Lemieux Foundation established the Lemieux Sibling Center at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.



Lemieux Sibling Center Guidelines

- A parent or legal guardian must sign siblings in by completing a brief consent form with a health checklist and emergency contact information
- The parent or guardian must remain on the Children's Hospital campus while the children are in the Lemieux Sibling Center
- Children may be in the Lemieux Sibling Center for a maximum of two hours per day
- No food or drink is permitted in the Lemieux Sibling Center
- Lemieux Sibling Center staff reserves the right to refuse entry to any child due to room capacity, disciplinary concerns, emotional distress, or illness-related concerns
- Appointments will be held for 15 minutes unless family notifies Lemieux Sibling Center staff

Who can attend?

- Brothers and sisters of inpatients and outpatients
- Siblings ages 15 months and up
- Brothers and sisters who do not exhibit any symptoms of illness

Walk-ins will only be accepted when space permits

Who staffs the center?

- Child Life Assistants — staff who interact with the children, and plan activities to help meet their needs
- Volunteers — highly trained individuals who assist with engaging the children in activities

Diapering

- All diapered children should arrive in a freshly changed diaper.
- Small children can be diapered as requested by family, diapers must be provided.



Located on floor one in the main lobby, the center is a dynamic place where siblings are nurtured and treated special, too.

What does the center offer?

- A place for brothers and sisters to go
- Age-appropriate activities for children to play out their range of feelings
- Therapeutic arts and crafts activities
- Play in a safe, fun, and supportive atmosphere
- Peer interaction

