

Talking Points

(For providers to discuss with OB patients who are due between April through mid-May)

- We want to let you know that due to COVID-19 concerns, all Dayton-area hospitals are strengthening visitor restrictions to better protect the health of our patients.
- Part of these new visitor restrictions affect maternity patients. The new policy, which is already in place, says that when a maternity patient comes to the hospital to deliver, she may only bring ONE person to support her during delivery.
- The one support person who accompanies you can be a doula, but in such cases, the maternity patient cannot have other family members present.
- Also, after delivery, your support person can stay with you, but no additional visitors will be allowed to visit the hospital.
- This policy will stay in place until Ohio's State of Emergency declaration expires, which we anticipate won't be until the end of April or possibly into May -- at the earliest.
- We are talking to our patients now because we want you to know and so you can plan for this. We don't want anyone to be surprised. Do you have any questions?