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Dear Birthing Center Patients and Families:

In light of the developing Coronavirus outbreak, we are working hard to protect all patients and their loved ones by reducing traffic on our Birthing Center. We understand the desire of families and loved ones to gather before, during and after the birth of a baby; however, we must balance that with our responsibility to keep our patients and community members safe. This means the following temporary changes to our visitation policy:

- Visitation will be limited to ONLY the birthing partner. A pre-approved Doula may be present until after the birth. The birthing partner and Doula, if pre-approved, will be given a wrist band.

- No other visitors will be permitted, including siblings or children under the age of 12.

- All visitors must check in at the desk.

- Visitors will be screened using Department of Health criteria and will not be allowed to visit if they have a fever, cough or flu symptoms.

We apologize for the inconvenience. Please understand that at this time, we are acting in the best interest of our mothers, their new families and the community at large.

Should you have general questions, please contact our Patient Representative Department during regular business hours at 401-845-1305 or 401-845-1306.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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