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RE: Discontinuation of Obstetrical/Nursery Services

Dear Ms. Senger:

Pursuant to your request, please see attached in response to the additional information requested by IDPH.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Roland Abellera, Chief Operations Officer at 773-962-4100.

Thank you,



Charles Holland
President and CEO

cc: Mike Constantino
Courtney Avery



SUSPENSION OF OBSTETRICAL/NURSERY SERVICES

St. Bernard Hospital has received approval to close the inpatient the obstetrical/nursery services effective December 3, 2020. The following is a response to the additional information requested by IDPH.

PLAN OF ACTION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED BY IDPH	STBH RESPONSE (PLAN OF ACTION)
How will the current patients receiving perinatal services, be informed of the discontinuation and care be transferred to other providers, during the closure process?	<p>Patients will continue to receive prenatal care at our Women's Wellness Clinic. Patients currently receiving prenatal care currently in our clinic are being informed during their visit that we have discontinued the delivering services and that we have collaborated with Mercy Hospital and Advocate Trinity Hospital, if they wish to deliver there.</p> <p>A communication was posted on the St. Bernard website and Facebook page, related to the discontinuation of services.</p>
Has the information been shared with the Regional Perinatal (APC)?	<p>An email was sent to Andrea Cross the Perinatal Network Administrator.</p>
What are the travel times and location of other hospitals that will be able to accept and provide OB services to clients in your service area?	<p>University of Chicago is located, 2.1 miles from St. Bernard Hospital with a travel time of 8 minutes by car.</p> <p>Mercy Hospital is located 5.4 miles from St. Bernard Hospital with a travel time of 10 minutes by car.</p> <p>John Stroger Hospital is located 9.6 miles away with a 25-minute travel time by car.</p> <p>Advocate Trinity Hospital is located 7.3 miles away with a 15-minute travel time by car.</p>

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How will the Hospital Emergency Department manage obstetric visits?	Pregnant patients presenting to the ED will be triaged and seen and examined by the ED physician and transferred to the receiving hospital. Should there be an imminent delivery the ED physician will deliver the patient and transfer both the mother and newborn to the receiving hospital.
How will the Emergency Department maintain competency to handle possible OB emergencies?	<p>The ED nursing staff has received education on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRP • OB Hemorrhage • HTN protocol
What supplies will be available in the Emergency Department.	<p>The Perinatal Center has agreed to provide additional education to the staff.</p> <p>The ED has designated an obstetrical room within the department with the following equipment and supplies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OB stretcher • Infant radiant warmer • Doppler/Sonosite portable ultra-sound • Electronic thermometer/B/P machine • Infusion pump and IV fluids • Oxygen and suction • NSVD/Precipitous Kit/Tray • IV starter kits & supplies • ID bands for mother and newborn

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<p>How will the community be educated on the suspension of this service?</p> <p>How will the OB providers in the community be educated on the suspension?</p> <p>Has the EMS providers in the service area been contacted regarding the suspension of OB services?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newborn footprint sheets • OB medications have been added to the • ED Omnicell <p>The notice of the suspension of services was posted on the Hospital website, Facebook page and on the Englewood Portal. An email was sent the FQHC's within the community</p> <p>An email was sent the OB providers on staff here at St. Bernard Hospital. An email was sent the FQHC's and neighboring hospitals.</p> <p>A letter was sent FedEx to Division Chief of Health care Facilities and Programs who then in turn contacted EMS.</p>