

COVID-19: Temporary Pregnancy Care Changes



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We have all gone through many major changes in our day-to-day lives in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We, at GHC-SCW, have made considerable changes in how we deliver care in an effort to keep our patients, friends, colleagues, and community safe.

Effective immediately, GHC-SCW will temporarily be changing our model of obstetric care in our clinics as well as at UnityPoint Health-Meriter hospital. Members of our Family Medicine with Obstetrics group will be rotating through UnityPoint Health-Meriter hospital to provide pregnancy care, labor and delivery management, postpartum maternal and newborn care. We will also have a rotating model of care in the clinics for routine prenatal visits. This means that you will likely be seeing more than one provider for your prenatal care and the on-call provider for your delivery. During this time, some prenatal visits may be conducted by telephone or video conferencing and access to in-person appointments will be limited to only essential services.

Patient safety continues to be our number one priority in these challenging times. Our goal is to resume continuity care, which has been a cornerstone of our care model at GHC-SCW, as soon as we believe it is a safe option for our members and community.

We understand that this represents a significant change in your care. Please know that each of your providers are also grieving the loss of this continuity model and the relationships that we have formed with our patients. That said, we are all committed to continuing to provide the best care for you, your baby and your family.

You will be contacted shortly to assist with rescheduling upcoming visits, as needed. We are grateful for your patience and understanding as we all navigate these uncertain times together.

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to your care team via GHC MyChart messaging or by calling your clinic.

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