We want you to be aware that all patients being admitted to labor and delivery will undergo COVID-19 testing obtained with a nasopharyngeal swab (swab placed into the nose). All patients being scheduled for induction of labor or to have a cesarean section will have testing scheduled 1 to 3 days prior to admission.

In these unique and challenging times, we have worked diligently as a system with input from our care providers and infection prevention teams to establish guidelines and protocols. Since those without symptoms may be COVID-positive, we have implemented these testing protocols to help us better protect you, your baby, your family, and our staff. Separation of mothers and babies is our recommendation for mothers who are COVID positive.

If you do opt out of having this testing done, you will be treated as COVID positive and this will have an impact on the type of protective wear the team and yourself may be required to wear and may also change the way you and the team will be able to interact and visit with your child. We hope you understand this is a necessary precaution and our team of obstetric and pediatric/neonatal specialists are available to answer any questions you may have between now and the birth of your child.

Thank you for trusting us to care for you during this very special time in your life.