

Information for women in labour

Partners are permitted to support labouring women in the Birthing Unit. Partners will be actively screened before entering the hospital. Once your baby is born, your partner must leave the hospital two hours after birth.

Please know this pandemic will not change our commitment to you, your safety, your care, and your experience. Every single member of our obstetrical and paediatric team at MSH is working tirelessly to ensure your safety. This means that as a group we have had to make difficult decisions that are certainly not ideal, but absolutely necessary to ensure your safety and that of your baby.

You probably imagined being surrounded by family and friends following the birth of your baby. We understand this is a difficult change for many families. Your partner will be with you the whole time you're in labour, for your birth and through the recovery period of 2 hours after birth. And you'll still have the full support of our nurses and doctors while you're in the hospital.

We encourage you to keep in touch with your partner, and family and friends, with your own personal device or by using the bedside phone (fees for phones have been waived) during your post partum stay.

When it's time for you to leave the hospital, we will arrange for a porter to assist you with your belongings and other items like your baby's car seat. If there is a need to pick up items such as clothing or a car seat from the main entrance, we will ensure a member of staff can do this.