

Thank you for your interest in The Birth Place at Community Hospital! For the safety of our patients, visitors, staff and providers, tours of The Birth Place have been canceled until further notice as a precautionary measure due to COVID-19. Please review following information that would normally be provided during a tour. Thank you for your understanding during these unique circumstances.

For more information about The Birth Place at Community Hospital, please call (970) 644-3351.

The Birth Place Experience

- There are eight Labor, Delivery, Recovery and Postpartum (LDRP) rooms, a Level 1 newborn nursery, operating room and two triage rooms at The Birth Place.
- A private Labor & Delivery entrance is available for patients.
- Central-monitoring is provided in each room.
 - Nurses and providers are able to monitor the labor process, including the baby's heart rate, mother's contractions and vital signs.
 - A team is readily available during labor and birth to help ensure patient safety.
 - Labor requires teamwork. We pride ourselves on our ability to work with you to provide a safe and positive birthing experience.
- A memory foam mattress is provide to the mother after delivery.
- Jacuzzi bathtubs are in every room.
- Pain management options:
 - Hydrotherapy
 - Nitrous Oxide in every room
 - Regional anesthesia (Epidurals)
 - IV pain medicine
- Skin-to-skin time (Golden Hour) is utilized after delivery.
- Toiletries for mom and baby supplies are provided.
- Each room has a couch that can turn into a bed for the support person.
- A fridge is provided in each room for personal use.
- Rooming-in is encouraged.
- Windows have both room darkening and shade curtains for comfort/ambiance.
- Celebration meals or a basket is provided to the parents after the baby is born.
- A nutrition room provides families with water, coffee, snacks and small meals to help ensure the patient is well nourished during their stay.

Lactation Services

- Lactation services are available to all patients at all times.
- Our lactation consultants are trained to help the mother successfully breastfeed.
- Continued support is offered to mothers after their stay with follow-up calls and lactation visits.

Secure Unit

- Staff must use badges specific to The Birth Place.
 - There is limited access to the department.
- Once the baby is delivered:
 - A band will be placed around the baby's wrist and foot, as well as on the mother and support person. These bands remain in place until the family is discharged. Bands are checked each shift and anytime newborn is taken from the room for testing.
 - For the safety of our newborns, we utilize the HUGS system, which monitors where newborns are on the unit by placing a band on them during recovery. There are sensors throughout the unit to detect the baby's location. Newborns that get close to the system will cause an alarm to sound, and the unit and floor will lock-down. Security is immediately alerted at that time.
 - We conduct 24-hour care in patient rooms, including lab draws and hearing screens, so families can stay together as much as possible.
 - A contracted provider administers hearing screening tests in each room.

Operating Room (OR)

- There is a specific OR dedicated to patients of The Birth Place.
- Additional OR's are available if needed.
- An Anesthesiologist is assigned to The Birth Place and is available 24 hours.
- A Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) is dedicated to The Birth Place.
 - The NNP attends all cesarean sections.
 - Available if newborn needs additional support.

Triage

- Available 24 hours a day.
- Used for obstetric concerns:
 - Rule out labor
 - Water breaking
 - Decreased Fetal Movement