

McKee Medical Center gets high marks for maternity care

Director discusses how COVID has impacted labor and delivery



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LOVELAND, Colo. (Oct. 16, 2020) — Banner Health McKee Medical Center in Loveland received a total hospital score of 93 out of 100 for its Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC) 2018 survey.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) mPINC survey takes into account newborn feeding practices in hospitals across the country. McKee's score of 93 is well above the U.S. average of 79 and the regional score of 77. The survey examines a variety of

factors from the World Health Organization's baby-friendly suggestions including immediate postpartum care, rooming-in, feeding practices and discharge support.

Women and infant services RN Associate Director Michelle Shaffer attributes the high scores to McKee's skin-to-skin practices where they immediately give a newborn to its mother when safe and the lactation specialists on staff who help support mothers.

During COVID-19, giving birth has proven to be even more difficult as moms are limited to one visitor and additional safety measures to protect mother, baby and staff are in place. Other changes have been made as well including the transition of traditional in-person classes for new mothers to now be offered in person or over video.

"Moms appreciate the one-on-one attention," International Board Certified Lactation Consultant Amy McClanahan said. "Across the board, everyone is so appreciative of the support. Some moms' are apprehensive to come in for a one on one visit, so the video conference calls are important to get the support they need."

With its successful mPINC practices and safety measures, Shaffer said they have not had a mother or baby with COVID to date at McKee.

About McKee Medical Center

McKee Medical Center, opened in 1976, is a fully accredited, private nonprofit facility in Loveland, Colorado. McKee is owned by Banner Health, a nonprofit healthcare system with 29 hospitals in six states. It offers emergency care, cancer care, heart care, orthopedics, surgery, obstetrics, pediatrics, rehabilitation, intensive care, lab and medical imaging. For more information, please visit www.BannerHealth.com/McKee.

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