



Dear Swedish Patient,

As our region prepares for an anticipated surge in COVID-positive patients, Swedish and other hospitals in our region are working together to identify areas where services can be safely and efficiently consolidated.

To increase our bed capacity across Swedish campuses, we have **temporarily closed the Swedish Edmonds Family Birth Center, including the NICU, as of March 26th, 2020**. As a patient who is scheduled to give birth at Swedish Edmonds in the next several weeks, you will be redirected to Providence Pavilion for Women and Children in Everett for your birth.

We assure you that you will receive the same high-quality care during your birth. You will be contacted by your Swedish provider with more information about where to go and what to expect when you arrive at the hospital. You are welcome to contact your provider directly if you have immediate questions. Our Swedish providers are also in the process of receiving privileges at Providence Everett so that they can support deliveries of their existing patients at that location.

We want to reiterate that this change is only temporary. The Swedish Edmonds Family Birth Center and Level II NICU will reopen as soon as possible. You will be notified if it reopens before you give birth.

We know this is a stressful time for everyone, but we are committed to ensuring the safety of our patients, caregivers and community. Thank you for trusting Swedish to be your health partner as you welcome your new child into the world.

Sincerely,

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