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## BOTHWELL ENHANCES SECURITY FOR NEWBORNS

Sedalia, MO – Bothwell Regional Health Center has enhanced security features to provide greater protection to newborns and their families from birth to dismissal.

These upgrades include the addition of an electronically monitored infant security system.

“To help ensure safety, newborns will wear a small Cuddles bracelet on his or her wrist or ankle,” said Lana Kelly, director of Women’s Health. “This bracelet helps us know that babies are where they should be.”

If the child leaves the unit without the proper escort, doors will lock, and alarms will sound.

The upgrades also included relocating locked access to Women’s Health so that it now includes the Nursery and Labor & Delivery. Visitors will be able to access the area only after being “buzzed in” by hospital staff.

“We realize this may be an inconvenience for families, and we know that people like seeing the babies through the Nursery window, but we feel that with the threats that exist today, it’s much more important to keep our babies safe,” Kelly said.

Parents are also reminded that Bothwell’s staff members in Women’s Health are easily identified by the picture identification badges they wear. Information should never be shared and babies should never be given to anyone without the appropriate Bothwell identification.

Bothwell joins other Missouri hospitals, including Boone Hospital Center in Columbia and Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center in St. Louis, that use the Cuddles system to keep children safe while in their care.

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Bothwell Regional Health Center is a 145-bed regional health center serving west-central Missouri with state-of-the-art technology and comprehensive health and wellness services including surgical, cancer, orthopaedic, cardiovascular, women's health, and therapy services. For more information on Bothwell Regional Health Center and its services, visit the website at [www.brhc.org](http://www.brhc.org).