



Banner Casa Grande
Medical Center

Media Advisory

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Banner Casa Grande to open new Women and Infant Services unit Tuesday

CASA GRANDE, Ariz. (July 24, 2017) — Media is invited to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Women and Infant Services unit at Banner Casa Grande Medical Center at 8 a.m. Tuesday, July 25. Construction on the new unit has been in progress for more than a year at the hospital, located at 1800 E. Florence Blvd. Before the unit opens, there will be comments from Banner Casa Grande Medical Center CEO Rona Curphy, as well as Marjorie Bessel, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for Banner Health's Community Delivery division, and other local dignitaries.

Banner Casa Grande broke ground on the new 27,800-square-foot Obstetrical Care (OB) Unit, on May 9, 2016. As a result of the new construction, the hospital is expected to see an increase in the number of babies born. The current OB unit will become a part of the hospital's Emergency Room area, with renovations planned in the near future.

"We're extremely proud to offer this great service to the community," said Curphy. "Our goal will continue to be simple: provide exceptional patient care for our mothers and their families, in an environment that's safe and nurturing. We've seen the need and demand for quality OB care increase in recent years, and with the opening of this new unit, we're fulfilling our commitment to provide that care."

In addition to expanded labor, delivery and recovery rooms, and private rooms for both mother and baby, the new unit will also include:

- Dedicated cesarean section suite
- Nursery services for healthy babies, and infants who need Level II care
- Childbirth classes, breastfeeding classes and support groups
- Support by perinatology and neonatology
- Aromatherapy
- Pain management, including epidurals, available during labor 24 hours a day
- Pediatricians who will see newborns within 24 hours of delivery and on day of discharge

Other high-level specialty services will include lactation consultants – professional breastfeeding experts who help mothers feed their baby, and educate moms about the benefits of breastfeeding.

The new unit will also offer Level II Perinatal Services for high-risk pregnancies. These services are certified by the Arizona Perinatal Trust, a group dedicated to improving the lives of Arizona’s mothers and babies. This designation allows Banner Casa Grande to provide a much-needed service

“We’re grateful for all the support from this community,” Curphy said. “As we continue to move forward, it’s our pleasure to serve the people of this area, and an honor to be taking this journey with them as we all watch health care rapidly evolve.”

Media interested in attending the ribbon-cutting ceremony tomorrow morning should contact David Lozano in public relations at david.lozano@bannerhealth.com.

Banner Casa Grande Medical Center is a full-service, community hospital providing comprehensive quality care to the Casa Grande Valley as well as the surrounding communities of western Pinal County. The hospital offers a variety of medical specialties including: cardiology, gastroenterology, gynecology, neurology, oncology, pediatrics, psychiatry and urology. Banner Casa Grande is part of Banner Health, a nonprofit healthcare system with 28 acute-care hospitals in six states. For more information, visit www.BannerHealth.com/casagrande.