

## 24 April 2020 – IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR NW PREGNANT MUMS



Dedicated phone number for advice to pregnant women is 1800 940 747 to speak to a midwife.

The NWRH maternity services are still being deeply cleaned and restocked and staffed and therefore are NOT open yet. All women due to birth soon should be re-locating to Launceston to ensure timely access to care and a full range of maternity services. The LGH provide an excellent maternity service and are working hard to ensure NW women are welcomed and well cared for.

There are now **EMERGENCY-ONLY** services available for time-critical situations at the NWRH that urgency of care prevents transfer to the LGH. It is preferable for women to travel to Launceston, by ambulance if necessary, to ensure they have access to a full range of maternity services, midwifery care and support with breast-feeding and early parenting in a fully equipped birthing and maternity unit.



Women whose baby is due in the next couple of weeks, or who have been already advised to relocate to Launceston due to the level of their individual pregnancy risk, should have been engaged with directly by the Tasmanian Health Service and been provided with appropriate and safe birthing arrangements put in place.

Any women with questions about their upcoming birth are strongly encouraged to contact the service for advice from a registered midwife - via 1800 940 747.

If at any time women or families experience an emergency situation they should contact 000 and ask for an ambulance.