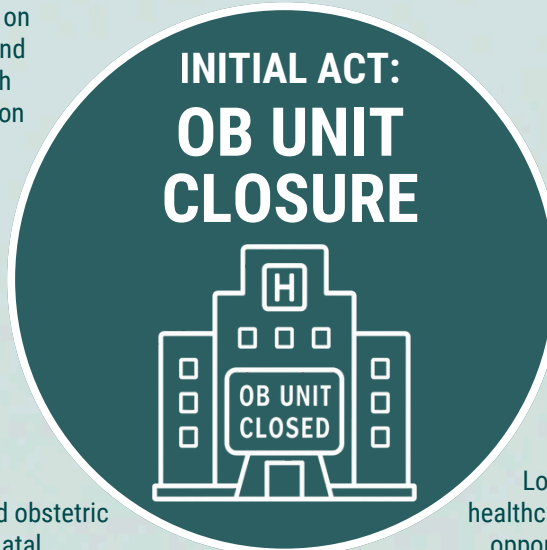


THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF OB UNIT CLOSURE

IMMEDIATE IMPACT



Disruption in services and access for families and babies to immediately available care in their community



Increased stress on birthing people and their families with outsized burden on most vulnerable populations



Increased burden on Emergency Departments



Increased obstetric and neonatal morbidity and mortality



Unintended out of hospital births



Longer driving time to prenatal care



Emergency Medical Services increased utilization, longer transport times causing loss of service in community



Loss of skilled healthcare jobs and opportunity in the community

NEXT RIPPLE OF IMPACTS



Increased burnout of Emergency Department and EMS workforce



Diminished enrollment at local pediatric and family practices



Loss of revenue from decreased use of hospital services (labs, radiology)

BROADER RIPPLE OF COMMUNITY IMPACTS



Fewer families move to area



Decreased school enrollment



Loss of younger workforce



Closure of small local businesses



OB UNIT CLOSURE DOESN'T JUST IMPACT BIRTHS – IT CREATES WAVES THAT IMPACT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.