



Allina Faribault Medical Center

Closure of labor and delivery services, discontinuing evening/weekend emergency surgical care and pediatric patient admittance
Dec. 2, 2025

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Your moderator for today's hearing:



Catherine Lloyd
Planning and Partnerships
Manager, MDH

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Introductions



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Public Hearing Overview

- **The Minnesota Department of Health serves as a neutral host** to ensure there is public discussion and engagement for any proposed closure, reduction of services or relocation of services for a hospital or hospital campus as outlined in [Minnesota Statutes Sec. 144.555](#).
- This statute gives MDH the authority to host the meeting to ensure the public has an opportunity to hear about the hospital's decision and to have their feedback heard. **MDH does not have the authority to change, delay, or prevent the proposed changes, closures or relocations.**



Allina Faribault Medical Center Presentation

- **Allina Health will provide information** of its closure of Faribault Medical Center's labor and delivery services, as well as changes to emergency surgical coverage during evenings and weekends, and pediatric patient admittance.
- **An explanation by the hospital's representatives of the reasons for** the closure of Faribault Medical Center's labor and delivery services, as well as changes to emergency surgical coverage during evenings and weekends, and pediatric patient admittance.
- **A description of the actions that Allina Health will take** to ensure that residents in the hospital's service area have continued access to the health services being modified.

MDH Public Hearing – Faribault Medical Center

December 2, 2025

Agenda



Introductions



Overview of Changes

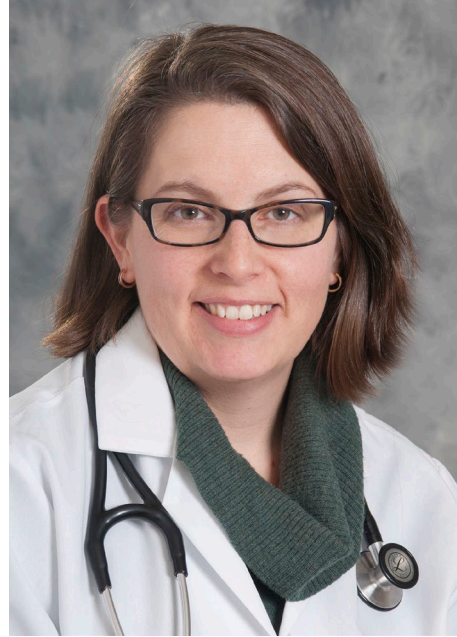


Allina Health's commitment to Faribault

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About Faribault Medical Center



At Allina Health Faribault Medical Center, our health care team provides expert care and experienced professionals that bring you state of the art health care solutions, all right here in your community.

Allina Health in Faribault:

*Faribault Medical Center + Allina Health –
Faribault Clinic*

Employees: (457)

Patient Encounters: (45,103)

Overview of Changes

Changes to on-call labor and delivery services

Sept. 9: Mayo Clinic Health System notified Allina Health that they would end their on-call labor and delivery coverage at Owatonna Hospital.

Nov. 17: Allina Health providers and partners began providing on-call labor and delivery coverage at Owatonna Hospital.

Result: Providing ongoing coverage for two facilities in close relation to one another presents a tremendous strain on scarce resources, both logistically and financially

Faribault – Owatonna Labor and Delivery Consolidation

Allina Health is moving forward with a regional obstetric care model that leverages the strengths of both Faribault Medical Center and Owatonna Hospital.

By integrating two small programs with limited provider availability, we are creating a more connected, comprehensive, and financially sustainable approach to obstetric care for the region.

Labor and Delivery services at Faribault Medical Center are integrated with Owatonna Hospital as of **Dec. 1, 2025**.

Outpatient services, including prenatal, postpartum, gynecologic, newborn, and pediatric care, will continue in Faribault and will also be offered in Owatonna beginning in early December.

Faribault – Owatonna Labor and Delivery Consolidation

2024



Number of OB/GYN providers,
combined: 4 + casuals



Coverage: 1 OB per 24hrs

2025



Number of OB/GYN providers,
Owatonna: 1 + casuals



Coverage: 1 OB per 24hrs

*Ideal staffing: 3-4 providers
per hospital + casual coverage*

Faribault – Owatonna Labor and Delivery Consolidation

These changes will require additional shifts in services including:

- **Effective May 7, 2026**, Faribault Medical Center will no longer admit pediatric patients, due to low volumes. Pediatric patients will continue to be admitted at Owatonna Hospital.
- **Effective December 1**, Faribault Medical Center will no longer provide surgical services staffing overnight and on weekends due to limited availability of anesthesia resources.

To ensure patients receive timely and safe care:

- Surgeons will remain on-call.
- Individuals requiring emergency surgery overnight or on weekends will be transferred to Owatonna Hospital or one of Allina Health's metro locations.

Supporting Patients and Care Team Members

- Care Team Members:
 - This transition will impact various roles within our care teams. We are committed to working with impacted care team members through this process.
- Patients:
 - Pre-natal and Postpartum care will continue to be provided at the Allina Health Faribault Clinic
 - Expecting mothers due after December 1st have been contacted and will work with their providers on an updated delivery plan
 - Three closest birthing options:
 - Owatonna Hospital (14.5 miles)
 - Northfield Hospital (16.5 miles)
 - M Health Fairview Ridges Hospital (34.7 miles)
- Staff and Partner Education
 - ED preparation
 - EMS notification

Commitment to Faribault

Allina Health's commitment to Faribault



Allina Health Faribault Medical Center is committed to delivering exceptional care for all who live and work in the Faribault community.

We serve our community by putting forth collaborative efforts that solve health care challenges and by creating a caring environment for our patients and one another.

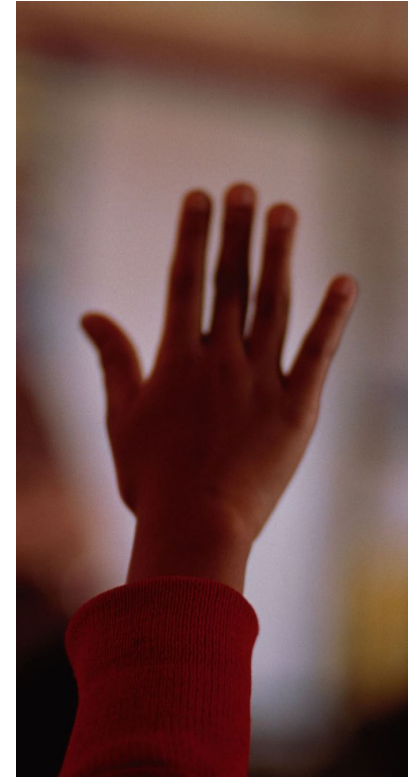
Faribault Medical Center services

Pre-natal and Post-partum care
Primary Care
Pediatric Care, including Newborns
Oncology services
Chemotherapy and PET/CT and Palliative care,
Cardiac Rehabilitation,
Diagnostic Imaging,
Emergency care,
Nutrition Services,
Occupational and Physical Therapy,
Sports Medicine,
Pulmonary Rehabilitation,
Respiratory Care,
Speech Therapy,
Surgical Care,
Laboratory Services
Tele-Health specialty services.



Thank you

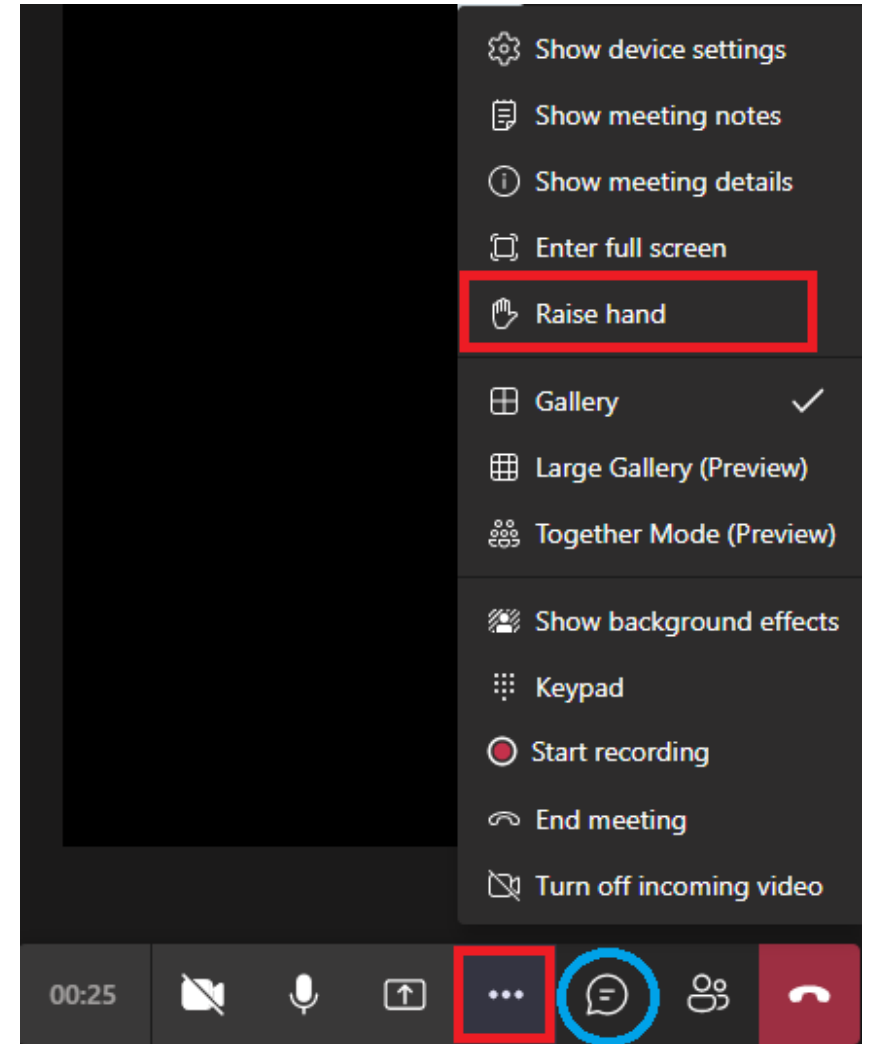
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- **Please remember that the information you are sharing is being shared virtually for a public forum.**
- **Allina Health will have an opportunity to respond** to the questions and/or comments.



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1. Raise your hand (outlined in red).
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- For phone attendees, press ***5** to raise your hand, and ***6** to unmute/mute yourself.
 - **We will select speakers** in order and add questions from the chat throughout the public comment period.
 - **Please be respectful.** Abusive, slanderous (comments meant to discredit or malign someone) and vulgar language will not be tolerated.



Allina Faribault Medical Center Closing Remarks



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Conclusion

- Thank you for participating in the Allina Faribault Medical Center public hearing.
- Statute [Minnesota Statutes Sec. 144.555](#) gives MDH the authority to host the meeting to ensure the public has an opportunity to hear about the hospital's decision and to have their feedback heard. **MDH does not have the authority to change, delay, or prevent the proposed changes, closures or relocations.**
- You may provide comments or feedback on the [hearing website](#).
 - Comments for Allina Faribault Medical Center will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 3, 2025.
- A transcript of the meeting will be available on the hearing website in approximately 10 business days.



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Thank you!

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