



And they became second family for new moms with COVID-19.

In just a few days, Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital transformed a Beacon Award for Excellence-winning intermediate care unit into a special unit caring for COVID-positive patients—many of them new moms.

It's hard to see any patients in isolation, unable to have friends or family by their side. Our staff, many of them parents themselves, found it even harder to see these new moms and babies kept apart, unable to touch or bond for 10 days or more.

Still, the precautions are critical not only to the health and safety of our patients, but to protect our front-line teams, as well as their family members at home.

To minimize exposure and conserve precious PPE, they developed a coordinated team approach to caring for patients in isolation: All supplies in order before entering a room. Support staff outside, ready to assist with medications, fluids and IV support. No efforts wasted. At the same time, they made sure they provided vital emotional support to patients going through a very rough time.

These amazing teams care for dozens of COVID patients each day. Truly care. They cheer and celebrate each patient who moves to a lower level of care or, even better, gets to go home.

We cheer and celebrate them.

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