

# FAQ

## St. Francis Level II Nursery

### What is a Level II or Special Care Nursery?

A Level II Nursery is a special care unit for infants. It is a step down from a NICU and is used to care for infants that deliver anytime after 32 weeks.

### Why does St. Francis need a Level II Nursery?

It is vital for the safety of our community, and having one at St. Francis allows our hospital to keep infants and parents here. If we did not have a Level II, all of our infants requiring a higher level of care would be transferred to another facility, thus separating infants from their mothers and families. Having a Level II is crucial for bonding, breastfeeding, and keeping the entire family close to home.

### Why are updates needed?

Most level II Nurseries offer private rooms for parents to spend this crucial time with their new babies. This remodel will create six private spaces and allow for two of them to expand and accommodate twins when needed.

### Why does this project matter?

The renovation will allow us to almost double the space in the Level II Nursery for newborns and their families. The additional privacy will enhance the experience for families during a stressful time.

At St. Francis, we work hard to create a healing environment for all patients. One way we accomplish this is by finding opportunities to incorporate the five natural elements of healing: light, water, fire, earth, and metal. Our Level II does not currently have any of these elements. Through this remodel we will be adding these using light features and artwork.

### How will this renovation help staff?

Creating an overall more comfortable, healing environment for the infant and their family will allow staff to provide the best care for our patients.

