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Riverview Health to Debut Indiana Mothers' Milk Bank Depot

Noblesville—The Indiana Mothers' Milk Bank (IMMB) will open a new milk depot at Riverview Health at 10:30 am on Thursday, June 26. While the IMMB has depot locations around Indiana, this will be the first location in Noblesville.

"Studies have proven breast milk to be the ideal nutrition for infants and, unfortunately, there's no way to duplicate it," said Amy Gardner, department manager of Riverview Health Maternity Center and Pediatrics. "As advocates of breastfeeding, we're excited to be able to facilitate milk donation opportunities through the Indiana Mothers' Milk Bank."

Screened breast milk donors will be able to drop off their donations at Riverview Health, where they'll then be transported to the IMMB pasteurizing facility in Indianapolis to undergo testing to ensure the milk's safety. Milk from the IMMB is distributed to Neonatal Intensive Care Units throughout the United States.

Before the opening of the Riverview Health location, donor mothers in the area would have to drive to drop off their donations at another milk depot or ship milk to the IMMB via mail.

"Having a location in Noblesville really opens us up to donors in this area of the state and makes it easier for them to get donations to us," said Carissa Hawkins, communications coordinator of the IMMB.

About Riverview Health

Riverview Health is comprised of a full-service, 156-bed hospital and 26 primary, immediate and specialty care facilities located throughout Hamilton and Tipton counties. Together, we provide comprehensive healthcare services in 35 medical specialties—and have frequently been recognized for our clinical and service excellence. For more information, visit riverview.org.

About the Indiana Mothers' Milk Bank

The Indiana Mothers' Milk Bank pasteurizes and screens breast milk from fully screened and approved mothers and to be sent to Neonatal Intensive Care Units in hospitals throughout the Midwest. They have depot locations in several states and have been in existence since 2005. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.immb.org>.