

# **AFL-CIO: Statement on ascension decision to close Labor and Delivery Unit at St. Francis Hospital in Milwaukee**

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*Wisconsin AFL-CIO President Stephanie Bloomingdale released the following statement:*

“Shame on Ascension for announcing the closure of the only Labor and Delivery Unit on Milwaukee’s southside at St. Francis Hospital just days before Christmas. This abrupt and short-sighted decision will leave expecting families on the southside without a safe and accessible hospital to receive essential birthing and postnatal services. The decision also means layoffs for dozens of hardworking union members with the Wisconsin Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals, AFT (WFNHP). We join together with the WFNHP, AFT to call on Ascension to fully fund the Labor and Delivery Unit at St. Francis Hospital.”