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The Washington University School of Medicine Facilities Management Department provides a range of services for the medical campus, including planning, capital projects, transportation & parking, campus safety, custodial services, operations and maintenance for facilities, grounds and utilities in a customer-focused, efficient and sustainable manner. It maintains 50 university buildings and provides service to over 5.5 million gross square feet of space.

Our Mission

To provide responsible stewardship for the long term preservation and growth of Washington University School of Medicine’s physical assets while working to ensure a safe, welcoming and high-quality environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors in support of the School’s mission of clinical care, research and education.

Our Core Values

PRIDE in Service, Do the Right Thing
Professionalism•Respect•Integrity•Dedication•Excellence

For Additional Information

Please visit our website at: facilities.med.wustl.edu/lactation-rooms

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Lactation Room Program

Promoting Healthy Families
Our Objective

Washington University School of Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital, through grant support from the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee and the School of Medicine’s Dean’s support, launched the Lactation Program in 2014. The program promotes healthy families with a campus-wide initiative to protect and support student, faculty, staff, trainee and visitor mothers who breastfeed.

Why?

- To provide awareness to the medical campus on the importance of breastfeeding while working collaboratively to reduce barriers to breastfeeding for employees, trainees and students.
- To reduce obstacles for new mothers and to increase infant wellness.
- To increase awareness of both the program and the value of new mothers in the workplace with management at Barnes-Jewish and Washington University School of Medicine.

Benefits of Breastfeeding

Breastfeeding is one of the most natural and beneficial activities for mother and baby. It is a choice many mothers are making today, as it results in significant health, economic and environmental benefits for the mother and child.

Breast milk is an infant’s normal food and contains numerous nutrients that are necessary to help babies grow into strong and healthy toddlers. According to the National Institutes of Health, the nutrients in breast milk can also help protect your infant against some common childhood illnesses and infection.


Missouri Breastfeeding Laws

Yes, you can breastfeed in public. Missouri Revised Statute 191.918 states that a mother, using as much discretion as possible, may breastfeed her child in any public or private location where the mother is otherwise authorized to be.

Julie Prior, Research Lab Supervisor, BRIGHT Institute and Molecular Imaging Center 11/22/13

Our Lactation Rooms

We currently have 30 lactation spaces across the medical campus. Each of the locations provides a private space where nursing mothers are welcome to pump. Rooms are equipped with appropriate signage, a comfortable chair, a small table and an electrical outlet. Some rooms have refrigerators, sinks, pumps and microwaves.

In order to keep the lactation rooms available, it is very important to know how often the rooms are being utilized. Please sign in each time you use a room. Thank you for your cooperation.

To see a list of rooms and hours of operation, please visit our website at: facilities.med.wustl.edu/lactation-rooms

“[Regarding] the Medical School’s initiative to provide more support for breastfeeding... I want to thank you and commend your efforts. I believe lactation rooms would certainly make it easier for women to continue breastfeeding for a longer period of time, which has well-documented health benefits... Though these rooms are clearly just for the female population... men will also benefit from a family-friendly and supportive work environment. It certainly fits with the mission of patient care, research and education... and will reflect positively on the institution...”

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“As an employee, a mother and a member of Student Health Services staff, this is a wonderful service... In my capacity as a psychologist serving students here, I interact with many whom are making decisions to start their families and managing their careers when they do come back to work. It can be a very stressful time. This service is important for the success of women students and women in leadership on campus. I am glad it is a priority.”

Nancy Friesen, PhD, staff psychologist, Washington University School of Medicine Student Health Service 11/22/13