BROADCAST-OSF OnCall expands remote monitoring for babies, toddlers with respiratory viruses

ANCHOR INTRO: A year ago, there was an early start to RSV, so OSF OnCall, the digital health arm of OSF HealthCare launched an at-home monitoring for infants to 5-year-olds who had the virus. RSV is the number one reason infants and children are hospitalized. Now, OSF is expanding the program to include remote monitoring and 24/7 support for *all* pediatric respiratory viruses.

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OSF OnCall is now allowing medical providers to refer infants and toddlers up to 5-years-old, living in Illinois and Michigan, to be monitored at home if they have RSV, the flu, pneumonia, croup and any number of viral illnesses. OSF OnCall Digital Care Coordinator Rose Smith says parents love the support- ...

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"They love having support anytime in the day, however they want to do it – text message, phone call, anything. They can send us pictures. We've really kind of taken that to tailor what parents need to feel comfortable taking their children home, you know, from a clinic; from the hospital during the scary time." (:15)

A medical provider must provide a diagnosis and a referral to the program that also comes with a care kit including a pulse oximeter, thermometer, saline spray and bulb syringe to clear airways and directions for use.