**Back to work** New mothers need to know how to successfully pump breast milk on the job

## ANCHOR LEDE

A new federal law takes effect this month giving more protection to moms who pump breastmilk at work. Experts say it serves as a reminder to moms to have a plan to pump on the job.

## TAKE VO

OSF HealthCare lactation consultant Heather Ludwig says to build up a supply of breastmilk before you return to work. Once there, communicate your expectations to your boss, coworkers and HR. Find a place where you can always go to pump. And stay on a pumping schedule – even if that means just a few minutes each time.

\*\*\*SOT\*\*\* Heather Ludwig, OSF HealthCare lactation consultant

"Full and uncomfortable is one thing. But if you wait too long, you can end up with clogged ducts, mastitis and other nasty things. An emptied breast is a breast that's going to continue to make milk and a mom that's going to stay comfortable." (:14)

## VO TAG

Milk can be stored in any cold, sanitary place, like the break room refrigerator or a cooler.