

## **NEW PARENT NEWS**

The monthly newsletter of Southern Tier Health Care System



## 9 Months

Your baby is starting to express personality traits and discover the world around them. Allow them to explore their environment and show off their new milestones.

- Growing about 10 inches in length since birth.
- Crawling and scooting on the ground.
- Pulling up to a standing position and may start taking steps.
- Grabbing finger foods and feeding themselves.
- Pointing to items they want and beginning to wave to people and things around them.



## Lock It Up

Children as young as 3 years old may be strong enough to pull the trigger of a handgun. We need to take extra precautions when kids are in an environment where guns are present.

- Keep guns out of the reach and out of sight of children by storing them securely. Leaving guns unsecured – on a nightstand, table, or other place where a child can gain access – can lead to injuries and fatalities.
- Store guns unloaded and secured with effective, child-resistant gun locks in a locked container out of the reach and sight of children.
- When a gun is not being stored, keep it in your immediate possession and control at all times.

