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A Letter to the Community...

We understand the community has concerns regarding the COVID-19 situation we are all experiencing. We want to take this opportunity to make sure the public is informed from our perspective here at Patterson Health Center.

Our efforts are aligned with the CDC and KDHE advisories and recommendations we are monitoring on a daily basis. We, along with Dr. Ethan Leavitt, are participating in morning COVID-19 team meetings which review daily updates, and questions or concerns.

Efforts to screen staff and patients coming into PHC are being followed in accordance with CDC recommendations. Rest assured any staff that have traveled are being reviewed and cleared by Dr. Petie, Dr. Leavitt, or Dr. Stranathan as the need has come up. We have gone to a no visitor policy for the Inpatient wing of the facility. Visitors with patients coming to the Emergency Department will be allowed on a case-by-case basis.

Please NOTE, not all patients that want to be tested will be tested for the COVID-19 virus. Due to the state shortage of testing supplies, the CDC/KDHE guidelines are becoming more restrictive and changing daily. We are adhering to these guidelines as they are updated. These CDC/KDHE guidelines are what determines who gets tested.

We've now experienced our first positive COVID-19 patient who was treated in the ER here at Patterson. This person followed our process for phone screening as shown on our website. They were a resident outside of Harper County. They were treated and transported to Wichita.

We strongly encourage people to follow the phone screening process outlined on our Facebook page and PHC Website.

Our ED staff handled this situation extremely well, reducing any additional exposure to surrounding staff. The treatment room has been properly disinfected and thoroughly cleaned. As with any event during times like these, we are constantly learning and assuring that our processes improve in terms of staff and patient safety.

We want to encourage the community to follow the information on our Website or PHC Facebook page as some guidelines and recommendations are changing daily. All positive cases of COVID-19 will be communicated to the public by the local health department. Communicating to the public on patient care, even vague references, can violate HIPAA rules – we will continue to adhere to those regulations.



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Please understand the safety of staff, patients, and community is at the forefront of our decision making. If you have questions, please contact the main health center phone number 620-914-1200 you will be directed appropriately.

We will get through these challenging times together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Petie Schwerdtfeger
Vice-Chair of the Medical Staff

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