



Press Release

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Heading: Healdsburg District Hospital is at the ready for COVID-19

Subheading: Staff has been trained and resources are in place to care for infected residents

Healdsburg, CA – Healdsburg District Hospital has dedicated additional resources and training to ensure they meet all CDC and local health agency requirements for the COVID-19 virus. This is especially important for Sonoma County residents who may be at risk of contracting the coronavirus after last week's confirmation that a local resident was diagnosed with the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

Healdsburg District Hospital CEO, Joe Harrington, confirmed that the hospital physicians, staff and emergency department personnel have taken the extra precautions necessary to ensure a safe environment and are prepared to examine, evaluate and care for anyone showing signs of the virus. This includes daily safety meetings, regular meetings with their infectious disease director, hospital-wide trainings and implementing new procedures for mitigating the risk of exposure by sick patients entering the hospital.

“We have an amazing team that has been working across all departments and clinics to ensure that CDC protocol is in place when handling patients showing signs of the virus. We do ask that if you have any symptoms that you call us before coming to the hospital, or clinics to be seen so that we can prepare for your arrival. Taking this extra step will allow us to greet you at the entrance, equipped to provide excellent care without risking other patients and staff in the building,” said CEO, Joe Harrington.

Starting this week, the hospital is monitoring their main and emergency department entrances by screening visitors and issuing grey wristbands to wear while in the hospital for identification. Patients arriving after 5:00pm should enter through the emergency department entrance to be screened and admitted into the hospital.

The hospital has been in daily contact with the CDC, the Sonoma County Health Department, local hospitals and healthcare providers, as well as with the Healdsburg City Council to acquire up to date information and address any concerns of expressed by local residents.

Visit the Healdsburg District Hospital website and Facebook page to find up to date information on COVID-19 and the latest recommendations from the CDC www.healdsburgdistricthospital.org. Patients with symptoms should call the hospital at 707-431-6500.

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