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### **PRESS RELEASE**

**COVID-19**

**GRHC SERVICE REDUCTION AND CLINIC**

**CONSOLIDATION TO BEGIN**

**MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020** (REVISED)

Sacaton, Arizona (Saturday, April 11, 2020): Gila River Health Care (GRHC) leadership, together with its Incident Management Team (IMT) and the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Unified Command, are prepared for the next phase of COVID-19 response.

The next steps include the consolidation of GRHC campuses and service lines. Beginning Monday, April 13, 2020, services at Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital located in Sacaton and Komatke Health Center in Laveen will be reduced to only essential clinical services. GRHC's newest campus, which opened in 2018, Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center, will be converted to a field hospital for the inpatient care of patients diagnosed with COVID-19.

An entity of the Gila River Indian Community, working in unison with Governor Stephen Roe Lewis, Community leadership and the GRIC Unified Command, Gila River Health Care is implementing a strategy to address the dual missions of continuing to care for its patients with chronic medical conditions while preparing for a possible surge of COVID-19 patients.

Governor Stephen Roe Lewis stated, "The Gila River Indian Community and the State of Arizona are in the midst of unprecedented times. Gila River Health Care began testing for COVID-19 on March 12, 2020, since then there have been 22 positive cases. Sadly, we lost our first Community member to COVID-19 on April 4th. One death from this deadly virus is one too many. It is imperative that members of the Gila River Indian Community adhere to Executive Order No.6 "Stay at Home" directive, as well as practice physical distancing, and just as important stay informed."

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According to Dr. Anthony Santiago, Interim Chief Executive Officer of Gila River Health Care, “We are purposely structured to adapt to the rapidly changing circumstance of the COVID-19 pandemic. To that end, and to date, we continue to screen every patient, visitor, and staff member entering our facilities. We are utilizing telephonic and video platforms for routine health visits while continuing to provide urgent visits across all our medical and surgical departments. We are filling prescriptions via curbside and drive-thru pick-up, utilizing delivery when necessary.”

Efforts are underway to consolidate services across our campuses and convert Hau’pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center as GRHC’s field hospital for the inpatient treatment of COVID-19 patients. Intensive communication efforts are in motion encouraging patients and GRIC members to stay home, stay safe, and stay informed. Details for GRHC’s response plan and consolidation of service lines are as follows:

- | **Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital Campus located in Sacaton, AZ: (520) 562-3321**
  - Emergency Department and Inpatient Department (Open 24/7)
  - Primary Care Services (Walk in, urgent, and virtual appointments only, Monday – Saturday)
  - Women’s Health Services (Urgent and virtual appointments only, Monday- Friday)
  - Dental, Physical Therapy, Optometry & Podiatry (Limited to urgent care services, Monday-Friday)
  - Dialysis, Lab & Medical Imaging (Open regular hours)
  - Behavioral Health Services (Available for crisis and urgent appointments only)  
Counseling services available via telephone by calling 520-550-6008
  - Life Center (Virtual appointments can be made by calling (520) 562-3321 Ext. 7940)
  - Pharmacy:
    - Monday-Saturday: 8:30 am - Midnight
    - Sunday: 12:00 Noon - 10:00 pm
  - Pharmacy Curbside Service AVAILABLE:
    - Monday-Saturday: 8:30 am - 7:00 pm
    - Sunday: 12:00 Noon - 7:00 pm
  
- ï **Komatke Health Center located in Laveen, AZ: (520) 550-6000**
  - Primary Care Services (Walk in, urgent, and virtual appointments only, Monday – Friday)
  - Dialysis, Lab & Medical Imaging (Regular hours)
  - Behavioral Health Services at KHC ((Shegoi Building is CLOSED) Available for crisis and urgent appointments only. Counseling services available via telephone by calling (520)550-6008
  - Physical Therapy and Podiatry (Limited urgent care services Monday-Friday)
  - Dental, Women’s Health Service, and Optometry (Limited urgent care services. Call (520) 562-3321 Monday-Friday)
  - Pharmacy (Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 6:00 pm. All medications can be picked up at the drive thru)

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ï **Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Health Center: (520) 562-3321**

- On Monday, April 13, 2020 this facility will operate as GRHC's field hospital for the inpatient treatment of COVID-19 patients
- For Hau'pal (Red Tail Hawk) Primary Care appointments please call: (520) 796-2697

**To help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19, do the following:**

- | Stay Informed!
- | WASH YOUR HANDS often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- | AVOID TOUCHING your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- | COVER YOUR COUGHS & SNEEZES with a tissue or cough or sneeze into your sleeve.
- | AVOID SHARING household items with a person who is ill with symptoms of fever, cough, trouble breathing or diarrhea.
- | CLEAN ALL HIGH TOUCH SURFACES FREQUENTLY such as counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, & bedside tables.
- | MONITOR YOUR SYMPTOMS, if you have a cough, fever, or trouble breathing, please contact your healthcare provider promptly and follow the steps above to reduce the risk of keep infecting others.
- | PRIOR TO OR UPON ARRIVAL to the hospital/clinic, please notify the screener that you are experiencing the above symptoms. Wear a facemask to protect yourself and others.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

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