



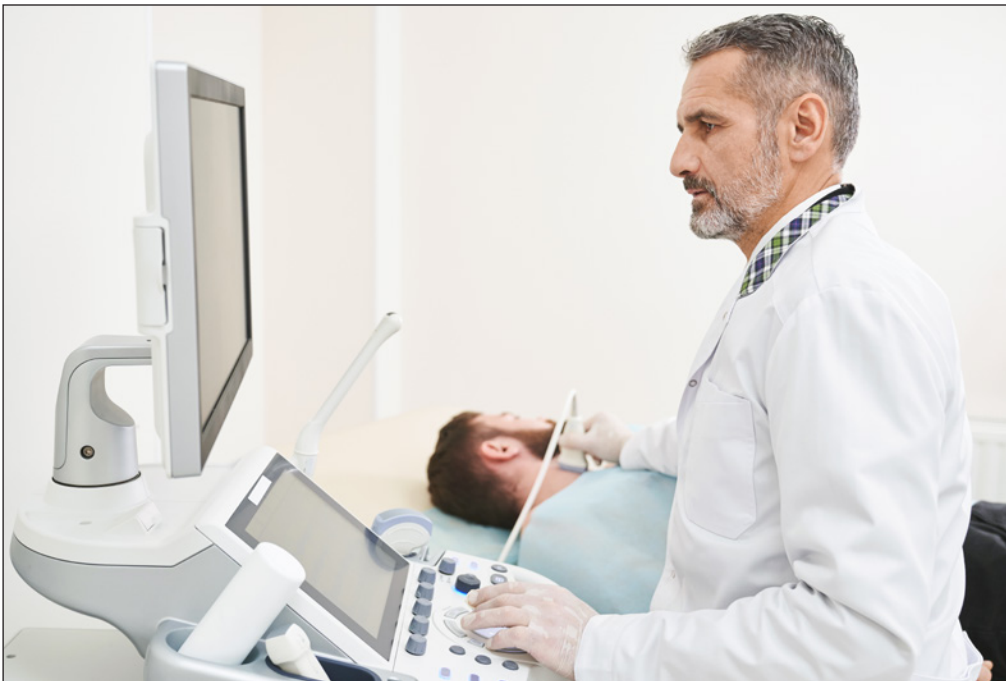
**HOCKING VALLEY
Community Hospital**

LEADING THE WAY TO A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

Weekly Update

MAY 1, 2020

HVCH to resume some medical procedures



Following the guidance of Governor Mike DeWine, Hocking Valley Community Hospital will safely return to performing medical procedures that do not require an inpatient or overnight hospital stay. This includes regular doctor visits, well-care checks, well-baby visits, outpatient surgeries, imaging procedures and diagnostic tests.

"HVCH has been acting in compliance with Governor DeWine's order and delayed elective surgeries and procedures since March 19. Now with the new order, it is time for many of those patients to proceed with their needed healthcare services," HVCH President and CEO Stacey Gabriel said.

Surgeries and procedures that, if not performed, would cause a threat to a patient's life, a threat of the spread of disease, permanent dysfunction or inability to perform daily activities, and/or the risk a rapidly worsening symptoms have always been permitted even if an overnight stay is required and will continue to be permitted.

In the coming weeks, medical staff will check in with patients to review resuming their procedures,

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INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Our human compassion binds us the one to the other - not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learnt how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future."

— Nelson Mandela

"I love those who can smile in trouble, who can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink, but they whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves their conduct, will pursue their principles unto death."

— Leonardo da Vinci

"There are two kinds of worries - those you can do something about and those you can't. Don't spend any time on the latter."

— Duke Ellington

"If you live long enough, you'll make mistakes. But if you learn from them, you'll be a better person. It's how you handle adversity, not how it affects you. The main thing is never quit, never quit, never quit."

— William J. Clinton

Direct to You: From Beth Kluding

May Day has several celebrations attached to it. From Beltane, a celebration of



Beth Kluding, CNO

the return of life into the world with spring, to the May Basket Day, where everyone made baskets filled with all the blooming flowers to gift to each other. Another celebration on May 1st is International Worker's Day.

Although Labor Day is celebrated in the United States in September, International Worker's Day is celebrated as a global holiday. Working conditions during the Revolutionary War for men, women, and children were so poor, that people were dying. The safety and well-being of the worker was not of great importance to the companies at that time, and employees were working more than 16 hour shifts in environments with toxic chemical and little air flow.

There was an uprising of the American workers, which resulted in violent protests and unnecessary bloodshed. While changes were made to improve the working conditions, this day of celebration serves as a reminder of

how bad things got before changes were made. When I look at the news and social media, I am seeing the conditions that healthcare workers in the "hot zones" are enduring. While these conditions are not as extreme as what the workers dealt with in the 19th century, I think this requires attention.

For our team, we want to make sure that we are identifying risks and mitigating those to ensure that we are able to stay true to our mission of caring for our community, while safeguarding our most valuable asset, our employees. Between the guidance coming from our Governor, the recommendations from the CDC, and the federal regulations that are being put forth, our team has had to be nimble in making changes that adhere to all of the above, while keeping our staff and patients safe, and making sure that we were not inadvertently causing harm.

Our employees have been just as nimble in their flexibility of adapting to the changes, and have been their own best advocates in speaking up when needed. We have screened people at the door, encouraged mask-ing, placed barriers, cre-

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Finance Update

There really isn't a lot to report this week. Most of you know by now that we did receive formal guidance that as a public entity, the hospital DOES qualify for loan forgiveness under the Payroll Protection Program. This is a huge win for our organization and will help us out tremendously in the coming days as our deposits continue to trend downward with the decline in patient volumes.

If you are an employee and have not read the phase process for the Payroll Protection Program, I highly encourage you to do so. This program allowed us to offer some excellent benefits for our employees to take advantage of during this difficult time and I would hate for someone to miss out on the opportunity. The information is time sensitive, so please be sure to review the program as soon as possible.

We still await official word from the US Treasury as to how exactly they will be considering organizations "rural" for purposes of the \$10 billion allotment of CARES Act funds for rural providers. It sounds promising that they will be using the same definition used to determine we were eligible for Rural Health Clinic status. Hopefully, we will hear something for sure next week.

Thanks for all you do & Have a great week!

~Julie Grow, CFO

HVCH Cafeteria Menu May 4-May 8				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Spaghetti Casserole Chicken Fingers Potato Wedges Carrots Broccoli Breadstick Tomato Soup	Philly Steak N' Cheese Macaroni & Cheese Onion Ringers Baked Potato Cauliflower Spinach Chili	Breaded Chicken Breast/Bun Italian Sausage/Bun French Fries Corn Green Beans Blended Veggies Chicken Soup	Breakfast Pizza Sausage Gravy & Biscuits Egg Omelette Taquito Oven Browns Bacon Broccoli Soup	Tortilla Tilapia Macaroni & Cheese Potato Wedges Carrots Brussels w/ Bacon Cauliflower Enchilada Soup

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and gradually patients will be rescheduled.

“It’s important for people to continue to get the healthcare they need, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. This is especially true for those who are managing chronic conditions and need follow-up attention,” Gabriel said. “Ensuring the safety of our patients and our staff is our top priority. There are ways to stay safe and protected while seeking needed care.”

HVCH has implemented several measures to protect patients and to mitigate the risk of disease transmission including:

Limited entrances with temperature/symptom screening

- Visitor restrictions
- Increased frequency of cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces and waiting areas
- Masking of all patients and direct care staff
- Observance of social distancing
- Increased use of telehealth technologies

As an additional precaution, all patients and visitors to HVCH and satellite clinics are required to wear a face covering to their appointment.

“Please don’t let fear of COVID-19 prevent you from seeking necessary medical attention. Not receiving care, especially in urgent or emergency situations, puts people at high risk for complications later. Your local hospital is a safe place to receive care,” Gabriel said.

Hocking Valley Community Hospital guidelines, requirements and other information is available at <https://www.hvch.org/hospitalnews/coronavirus-update/>. Statewide information is available at cornivirus.ohio.gov. National information from the Centers from Disease Control and Prevention is available at www.cdc.gov.

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ated drive-up triage and testing, and built a negative air room all in the hopes of reducing the risk to our team. We are practicing conservation of our PPE, but still applying best practices for maintaining effective protection. We are offering and promoting regular education to everyone on how to best protect themselves. For the folks working at Hocking Valley Community Hospital, we are working tirelessly to make sure our working conditions are safe and honor the spirit of International Worker’s Day.



Unfortunately due to continuing social distancing and mass gathering guidelines, Hocking Valley Community Hospital Foundation has decided to cancel this year's golf tournament fundraiser. While this opportunity to come together in support of our HVCH Foundation will not happen in 2020, our need for support continues to rise. Event cancellation does not cancel the need for continued services to our patients.

We encourage you to make a gift of support in lieu of this year's golf outing. Online donations may be made at: <https://www.hvch.org/donate-online/>

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- Medical Laboratory Technician/ Medical Technologist (MLT/MT) - Full Time
- Medical Laboratory Technician/ Medical Technologist (MLT/MT) - NIGHTS - Full Time



COVID testing at HVCH

Hocking Valley Community Hospital is now able to offer Outpatient Testing for COVID-19 at our Rural Health Clinic in addition to performing the testing at the hospital. ALL patients must still meet the criteria for testing, however, the Rural Health Clinic provides another location and minimizes the need to come to HVCH for COVID testing.

If you feel you are exhibiting signs and symptoms of COVID and need tested, we encourage you to contact your Primary Care Provider. They are able to screen you for the need to be tested and then make a referral to the Rural Health Clinic. If you do NOT have a Primary Care Provider, you can contact our Rural Health Clinic at 740-385-0202 and they can schedule a screening appointment for you. If it is determined you require testing, they will make that appointment and provide further instructions.



Thank you for the donations!

Thank you to the many people who have donated items to HVCH! We have received several items for patients and employees. Most recently a number of bird houses, bird feeders, shepherd hooks and bird seed were donated for outside our patient rooms, as well as continued donations of PPE for our employees. We can't thank you enough for the support!



All HVCH visitors instructed to wear face covering

"Don your mask" - EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, for the protection of you, your loved ones and our staff, we are instructing all individuals entering our hospital, rural health clinic or Medical Arts Building, to please wear a face covering. All individuals will be screened for virus symptoms upon entry. If you suspect you may have coronavirus, please CALL FIRST (740-380-8203) and instructions will be given. For more information please go to www.hvch.org.



HOCKING VALLEY Community Hospital

OUR MISSION

To provide our community an unparalleled patient experience through world class service that is both compassionate and professional.

OUR VISION

To provide extraordinary care close to home now and into the future.

HVCH is a critical-access hospital located in the city of Logan, Ohio, which serves residents in Hocking and surrounding counties. With more than 325 employees, our staff is here to serve the residents and visitors of our Hocking Valley community through various ancillary and emergency care services. HVCH is Joint Commission accredited, and we offer a wide range of primary, acute, and rehabilitative services. We are pleased to provide 24-hour emergency services to our patients through our ER and Urgent Care. Additionally, our surgical center, rehabilitation center, physical therapy clinic, pain control and wound clinic, imaging, laboratory, cardiovascular/cardiopulmonary, sleep clinic, geriatric psychiatric, and oncology services are also available. We are proud of our facility. HVCH is affiliated with OSUWMC, improving healthcare services to the Hocking and surrounding counties in the areas of general surgery and orthopaedics. HVCH also is a part of the Ohio State Health Network.