

PRESS RELEASE

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Davis County Hospital & Clinics COVID-19 Precautions

Restricted Entrance Access, Cafeteria Closed, & Visitor Restrictions

Bloomfield, IA - To continue to protect the health and well-being of our patients, their families, and of the communities we serve, Davis County Hospital & Clinics (DCHC) is now moving forward with further precautions. In accordance with this, we are following the most recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) COVID-19 recommendations and are acting with an abundance of caution to ensure we do not elevate the risk of exposure to the virus for our colleagues, physicians, patients or community members. As the situation continues to evolve, so will our response. We will communicate as we are able to update our community.

Effective March 17th 2020, DCHC is instituting the following restrictions:

- To limit exposures within our facility, outside entrances will be locked except for the South Main Entrance (b3), and the Emergency Room entrance. Patients will need to use one of these entrances to access the building for appointments or emergency care.
- The DCHC Cafeteria is now closed to all general public until further notice.
- Visitor restrictions include:
 - Emergency Room & Acute Care Inpatient
 - (1) healthy visitor per patient per day
 - Surgery
 - (1) healthy visitor allowed per patient
 - Outpatient, Specialty, & Medical Associates Clinic
 - (1) healthy visitor allowed per patient

As a reminder, we encourage the community to follow the best practices from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help prevent the spread of all viruses:

- Stay home if you are sick
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick
- Covering your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze
- Thoroughly washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Disinfecting surfaces and objects using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe

At DCHC, we are following guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Iowa Department of Public Health to screen patients for symptoms including fever and respiratory signs as well as the patient's travel history and exposure to those who have traveled.

If you have general questions on COVID-19, please dial 2-1-1. If you begin to experience symptoms and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19, call your primary care provider before coming in.

IDPH posts statewide numbers of persons being monitored, persons being tested and test results on the IDPH webpage at <https://idph.iowa.gov/Emerging-Health-Issues/Novel-Coronavirus> on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Visit this web page often for up-to-date information and follow the department on Facebook at @IowaDepartmentOfPublicHealth and on Twitter at @IAPublicHealth.

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