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Prepares for COVID-19

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Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center is working closely with the Coos Health & Wellness, the Oregon Health Authority, and other state and federal agencies to prepare for the possibility of any presumptive COVID-19 cases. SCHHC has taken several steps to mitigate the spread of new cases to ensure the safety and social well-being of our community. SCHHC has also instigated an emergency response plan to streamline response to possible COVID-19 cases.

Community Mitigation Activities

SCHHC is following CDC guidelines to remain vigilant in an effort to mitigate the spread of the virus. Generally, mitigation activities begin with preparedness and SCHHC encourages everyone to follow several prevention practices (adapted from “Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission,” published by the CDC):

- Check local information on COVID-19 regularly. Residents of Bandon are encouraged to check the Southern Coos Hospital website regularly: http://southerncoos.org, as well as the county health department, Coos Health & Wellness: https://cooshealthandwellness.org/
- Know the signs of COVID-19, which include cough, fever, and shortness of breath.
  - If you have any of the above symptoms, contact your local doctor first.
- Implement personal protective measures, which include staying home when sick, handwashing, respiratory etiquette, and cleaning frequently touched surfaces
- Stay informed about the emergency operations plan for schools, workplaces of household members
SCHHC Response Plan
Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center has implemented its emergency response plan to adequately and appropriately triage patients who present at the emergency room with possible COVID-19 symptoms. SCHHC has implemented the following practices:

- Convened an internal emergency response team that may be activated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Increased facility infection control programs, led by our infection control nurse
- SCHHC has a plan for monitoring our healthcare personnel and for increasing the number of healthcare personnel if needed
- SCHHC is in daily communication with Coos Health & Wellness and the Oregon Health Authority

Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center is committed to providing quality healthcare to the residents of Bandon and the southern Oregon coast. Individuals, businesses, and healthcare organizations all play integral parts in a community mitigation strategy. Our shared efforts are aimed to protect our community, especially those persons at increased risk of illness.

Changes to Expect at SCHHC related to COVID-19 Preparations
During this time, you may see changes at Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center, made in alignment with national guidelines. SCHHC has developed the following set of recommendations for visitors to our hospital and Multi-Specialty Clinic.

- SCHHC requests that those who need to visit the hospital for outpatient (or lab and imaging) care come by themselves unless additional support is needed for mobility or other reasons.
- Patients registering for outpatient care will be asked to remain behind a red line or seated in a chair at the registration desk to maintain distance between themselves and our staff for everyone’s safety.
- Patients waiting for appointments are asked to implement a social distancing from others waiting of 3 or more feet whenever possible.
- Patients visiting the Multi-Specialty Clinic are asked to wait behind a red line taped on the floor in order to maintain adequate distance between themselves and the registration staff
- ED patients may see changes in our triage and intake methods as we make changes to address an evolving situation.

Community members are encouraged to check the Southern Coos Hospital & Health Center website at https://southerncoos.org/covid19 for information that will be regularly updated.

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