

Team:

We know this is a stressful and uncertain time for all of us. We are doing our best to keep you up to date with this ever-changing scenario. We appreciate your dedication to our patients and co-workers. We continue to encourage practicing social distancing both in the work- place and away. This will help protect you, your loved ones and our patients.

In accordance with LDH, WHO and CDC guidance, we are continuing to screen both staff and patients prior to admission to the unit. This is the same course of action being followed by larger health systems. Due to the possible shortage of hospital beds and the likelihood of increased need for mental health treatment resulting from COVID-19, we cannot decrease bed capacity. Our patients are screened by emergency rooms or outpatient programs prior to admissions in an effort to reduce risk to staff and patients. However, symptoms may not occur until 2-14 days after exposure. Please continue to monitor your own health condition as well as current patient's vitals and symptoms. If there are concerns about any patient, please consult medical staff on call and follow our IC policies with regard to isolation and treatment. If we have a patient suspected of having been infected with COVID-19, follow isolation precautions policy immediately. Contact the Administrator on call for assistance/guidance. We will need to report this to Infectious Epidemiology at 1-800-256-2748. They will provide direction on caring for and/or transferring the patient.

Thank you for your teamwork and cooperation,

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