

Coronavirus Update #7.2

First off let me begin by saying we will not turn any patient away.....

When you come to the facility you will be checked in out front. Your temperature will be taken and you will be asked a series of questions. Things like have you traveled outside the state, country etc. You will be asked do you have or have you had recently a cough, stuffy nose, scratchy/sore throat etc, and any other questions that we may add at a future time. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE be honest, like I said earlier we are not going to turn you away. It is imperative that staff be able to have the opportunity to protect themselves, and other patients from sick or potentially sick people. Failure to be honest or to brush off anything risks the failure of our entire operation, and we are only here to help you.

Every person in our facility that you come in contact with will be wearing a mask and gloves. Do not take this as a sign that there is something wrong with that person or that we think that there is something wrong with you, it's just our policy for the time being. Our goal is to be able to serve you as long as possible, and taking extra precautions is part of the game plan.

For Active Duty Personnel:

As a reminder we do not perform a COVID-19 test on asymptomatic patients, not yet anyway, which is the current CDC guideline. The current CDC recommendations when you have a known exposure and were wearing PPE is to self-monitor for signs and symptoms for 14 days beyond the known exposure, not to be confused with self-quarantine, which is not required. Fire Rescue has established their own guidelines which should be followed, and any questions with regards to work related exposures should be discussed with your immediate supervisor.

You are always welcome to visit the Wellness Center if you have any questions or concerns, but as stated earlier we do not perform tests on asymptomatic patients.

Firefighter Physicals:

As we await starting physicals again the providers would like to extend an invitation to you to have your fasting labs done. Once we get started back with physicals it will be quite hectic with trying to catch up with those postponed and the normal influx of FF physicals. Having your labs already done will be one less thing for the provider to review and they can be better prepared when you do come. As a reminder you do not even have to enter the building as we have a lab draw station setup outside, just stop by and check in with the front.

As a reminder the Wellness Center hours will be 8am-7pm Monday thru Friday and 9am-4pm on Saturday. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Remember wash your hands frequently and practice social distancing, and for those of you on the trucks please use your PPE at all times and practice good hygiene!