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**Fairchild Medical Center
Coronavirus|COVID-19 Response**

Yreka, California, March 23, 2020 Fairchild Medical Center is committed to the health and well-being of our community. We continue to work closely with our local Siskiyou County Public Health Department and follow directives from the state level. For current testing numbers and results please review the information provided daily provided by Siskiyou County Public Health at: <https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/publichealth>

“We continue to work closely with governmental agencies to understand and implement recommendations related to safety practices to keep patients and staff safe. At the same time, we remain fully committed to being here each day to provide for all of the non-COVID19 medical needs of the community.”

- Fairchild Medical Center CEO, Jonathon Andrus

In response to the spread of the Coronavirus|COVID-19 Fairchild Medical Center has enacted visitor restrictions at all of our facilities, made changes to our services and launched a dedicated webpage with Federal, State, Siskiyou and Fairchild news for our patients and local community to access. <https://fairchildmed.org/coronavirus-covid-19>

At this time all persons (including team members) entering our facilities are verbally screened and their temperature taken by a member of our clinical team. Patients who fail screening are provided a mask to wear while inside our facility, visitors who fail screening are asked to wait outside of the facility.

Changes to our services includes the postponement of all non-essential surgeries and reduced schedules in several of our clinics. Please see our most recent UPDATE available on our website (<https://fairchildmed.org/coronavirus-covid-19>) for specific information related to each service.



Fairchild Medical Clinic and Scott Valley Rural Health Clinic will continue to offer Primary Care appointments for patients who are feeling ill. Scott Valley Rural Health Clinic hours have been modified to Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

We continue to encourage patients with non-emergency medical needs to utilize our online care clinic, Fairchild Express Care. This service allows you to skip the waiting room and help stop the spread of germs by staying home. A local medical provider will review information with you over your phone or computer. Most visits take less than 15 minutes and providers are able to write prescriptions for specific needs. This service is available 7 days a week from 8am to 8pm. Visit fairchildmed.org/expresscare for more information.

Hand washing sinks continue to be in position at all care locations outside of facilities allowing the public to wash their hands before entry. As a reminder, properly washing your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water can help significantly with stopping the spread of all viruses.

Fairchild is in regular contact with Siskiyou County Public Health, coordinating testing of COVID-19 per instructions from our Public Health Officer. Prior testing for Influenza A&B and RSV will be performed as there is anti-viral treatment for Influenza. In some cases, testing for COVID-19 is necessary, and this testing will be coordinated through public health. Results for this test vary and may take several days to receive.

A tent has been deployed in rear of the hospital in preparation for increased demand if needed. Patients may be medically screened and triaged there and sent home to self-isolate, if appropriate.

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