



****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****

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All Chambers Health facilities have taken preventive steps to reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus (COVID-19). The precautions we are taking are serious and we hope will contribute to the reduction of unnecessary exposure to our patients and staff.

Effective immediately, the following actions and changes are taking place:

Bayside Community Hospital:

- Everyone entering the facility is redirected to the Emergency Room Entrance
- Everyone must undergo a brief screening
- Visitors are limited to one (1) person per hospitalized patient (subject to change)
- Elective Surgeries are suspended until further notice

Bayside Clinic and West Chambers Medical Center

- Everyone entering each facility will be screened at the main entrance
- Expect delays during the screening process
- Patient guests/visitors should be limited
- Patients exhibiting symptoms should call the clinic for further guidance
- Services modified until further notice: Prescription Refills, Lab Follow-ups, Wellness Visits/Physicals. Call our office for further details on how these will be handled
- Services suspended until further notice: Counseling, Dental, Extended Hours at West Chambers Medical Center and Saturday Clinic at West Chambers Medical Center
 - West Chambers Medical Center is reverting to Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm

The Wellness Center at Bayside

- All programs and activities are suspended until further notice
- Only physical therapy will be offered on a limited basis (and until further notice)
- Those entering the facility will undergo screening

Our facilities have a limited number of sampling kits needed to complete the testing process for the coronavirus. We will continue to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to identify persons meeting the criteria for testing, after a medical examination is completed.

REMINDER TO PATIENTS: If you are experiencing symptoms, PLEASE CALL FIRST BEFORE ARRIVING at clinics or the emergency room so we can discuss your symptoms and determine the best course of action.

For any questions or concerns regarding the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), please contact the Chambers County Public Health Department at 409-267-2731. You may also follow the Centers for Disease Control for the most up to date guidance or call Bayside Community Hospital at 409-267-3143.

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