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Virginia Mason Memorial dedicating HealthyNow clinic at Creekside to evaluations for COVID-19

YAKIMA — To provide greater access to our community for COVID-19 screening, Virginia Mason Memorial has repurposed the Creekside HealthyNow clinic at 3909 Creekside Loop, Suite 115, for that purpose.

People who are experiencing a cough, fever and shortness of breath, symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, can now go to healthynowclinic.com or call 509-225-4669 to set up a time to be seen. We ask that patients remain in their vehicles when they arrive and to call the 225-4669 to confirm that they are there. A clinic team member will meet the patient at their vehicle and escort them into the clinic.

The clinic is open every day 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

At this time, we are also setting up a longer-term COVID-19 clinic that we expect to open as soon as possible.

In addition, Virginia Mason Memorial is setting up a large green tent outside the Emergency Department doors of the hospital. This is a proactive measure for initial triage and medical screening in the event that large numbers of patients are seeking care at VMM. We must ensure that patients who need high-quality and timely emergency care can receive that care during this pandemic. We are grateful to our community partners at the Union Gospel Mission for providing the tent as we all work together to care for people in Central Washington.

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through North Star Lodge; breast health at `Ohana Mammography Center; acute hospice and respite care at Cottage in the Meadow, winner of the Circle of Life Award from the American Hospital Association for innovative palliative and end-of-life care; pain management at Water's Edge; an advanced NICU unit, the only place in Central Washington that offers specialty care for at-risk infants; advanced services for children with special health care needs at Children's Village; and The Memorial Foundation, a separate 501c(3) organization that raises funds for innovative health care programs in the Yakima Valley (www.memfound.org).

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