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EMERGENCY PLAN FOR MEDICAL / NURSING SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As you have already been acutely aware, there have been drastic changes to our patient services during this pandemic in order to remain proactive. Here is a list of what has been implemented thus far. Please be aware, this pandemic has resulted in daily changes to CDC/MDHHS/HIS/WHO guidelines and I expect we will see our plans change as time goes on - this is to be expected.

Scheduling has been directed to:

- Continue scheduling Controlled Substance Patients (still under state mandate to be seen every 3 months). Pill counts will be on hold for now.
 - Schedule patients requiring necessary follow up (either from ER or from Tribal provider) - but NOT simple rechecks
 - Schedule Sick patients (e.g. abdominal pain, acute injuries, etc.)
 - Schedule Sick kids
 - Schedule Vivitrol injection follow-ups
 - schedule Nursing visits for injections
- ** Please note - all people entering the facility will continue to be screened using COVID-19 questions and evaluation

Visits that will **NOT** take place:

- Well Newborn/Baby/Child/Woman/Man examinations
- Routine healthy (Rx's may be refilled by provider without a visit)
- Healthy follow-ups (e.g. all better after ER visits, coming in for "recheck" only)
- Patients identified by provider-nurse teams as "at risk" (i.e. people with immune deficiency - Cirrhosis, Crohn's, etc.)
- Those on immune suppressants, cancer patients, etc.

Lab will run essential tests only:

- INR for tracking and adjustment of anticoagulation
- TSH for dosage change or for diagnosis of thyroid disease
- Monitoring drug levels when required
- Renal function in preparation for radiologic testing
- Any labs ordered by specialists (renal patients, cancer patients, etc.)
- Labs ordered by Walk-In clinic
- Labs ordered by Provider that day
- Standing orders

Radiology for essential tests only:

- Nearly all ultrasounds are essential - will continue
- Routine mammograms will be postponed, but diagnostic mammograms will continue
- All X-rays ordered by providers at the time of patient visit in the clinic or by the Walk-In Clinic.

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