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Southwest Health System (SHS) Restricts Visitor Access

Cortez, CO- In an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19, manage SHS resources and protect staff and patients, SHS is implementing a visitor restriction effective Monday, March 16th.

Patients receiving care in our Emergency Room, Family Birthing Center, Surgery Center, In-Patient Medical Unit, and Intensive Care Unit will be allowed one, consistent and designated visitor in the building during their stay.

Patients being seen in the Walk-In Clinic, all Physician Offices (including SMG Mancos and SMG School-Based), Physical Therapy, Lab, Sleep Center, Infusion and Cardiac Rehab will be allowed one companion to their appointment.

The visitor or companion must be in good health and may be asked to comply with temperature monitoring. Visitors or companions may be turned away if they are determined to be unwell. No visitors or companions under the age 16 will be allowed. Visitors and companions will have limited access and mobility throughout the facility.

Our cafeteria will be closed to the public starting Monday, March 16th, 2020. Employees and patients will still be served.

Entrances will be limited to the Emergency Room, the Main Medical Office Building and the Main Hospital Entrance.



We encourage patients to utilize on-line bill pay options or pay by phone at 970-564-2130 and call ahead if medical records are urgently needed at 970-564-2311.

These restrictions will remain in place until further notice and will be continually reevaluated. The most current information will be available on Facebook and www.swhealth.org.

If you have questions about COVID-19 or feel you are exhibiting symptoms such as cough, fever and shortness of breath, you may call our patient information line at 970-564-2201.

About Southwest Health System

Southwest Health System operates Southwest Memorial Hospital, a critical access hospital, Southwest Medical Group comprised of 6 clinics providing primary and specialty care services, and Southwest Health System Retail Pharmacy. SHS provides over 50 service lines to the community. SHS is a private, not-for-profit corporation operating under all guidelines and regulations for non-profits and is also governed by a volunteer board. For more information, visit www.swhealth.org.