

Baptist clinics offering online and telephone-based care for patients who need help remotely

Press Release

Baptist Medical Group clinics in the Jackson area are offering several options for patients to contact their physician remotely without leaving home or traveling.

The service provides a benefit to those patients needing medical care, but are social distancing due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Patients can reach health care providers at Baptist Medical Group clinics in several ways, including video visits, e-visits or telephone consultation. To secure a virtual appointment, patients can call their Baptist Medical Group physician or call FastPass at 855-SEE-U-TODAY. Once you have been scheduled, a Baptist representative will recommend the method that’s best for that individual.

During a time when patients are being urged to maintain social distancing and limit travel, the Baptist telehealth options allow individuals to reach their doctor to discuss a need or health care issue.

It may be as simple as talking to the doctor over the phone or arranging a video consultation via internet connection.

“These are options that allow individuals to avoid travel, waiting rooms and unnecessary exposure,” said Justin Rhodes, CEO of Baptist Medical Group in Central Mississippi. “If a patient needs to see their doctor, or if they are

having symptoms they’d like to discuss, they can reach out from their remote location.”

Anyone who has a web-enabled computer, smartphone or tablet can use this new service to receive care for a wide variety of conditions, including cold and flu symptoms, fever, sore throat, rashes, coughs, respiratory conditions and much more.

Patients who have previously visited a Baptist Medical Group clinic and have a MyChart account can access on-demand video by simply logging into the app and clicking on “video visit.” Or, they can log into their account from their computer at mychart.baptistonecare.org, and then from the “Quick Links” section on the right side of the home page click on “Video Visit.”

“This is not just a matter of convenience, but as everyone is trying to limit their contact during this COVID-19 crisis, it can also be a smart choice,” said Rhodes. “That’s particularly true for older patients or those with underlying health conditions.”

Patients can also use this time to set up a MyChart account if they do not have one. Go to mychart.baptistonecare.org or search for “MyChart” in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

Gardening, in times such as these...also, send pics

My little garden is helping me cope with being cooped up away from work and social interactions during these contagious times.

It’s hard to not dwell on the seriousness of COVID-19, and I certainly don’t want to downplay its impacts on...well, everything. Including garden lecturers like me who are usually very busy this time of year lecturing several times a week and nearly every spring weekend, but are now out of that kind of work for the foreseeable future.

I’m getting advice from busybody paragons of virtue who think that now that my pub is shut down, I’ll actually wrap up old to-do lists like sharpen tools, put up a bird feeder, and the like. Shaping up a boxwood here, thinning cluttered branches in a holly tree there, cleaning out the water garden, painting an arbor, replacing a weak board in a deck, starting a few heirloom seeds in egg cartons of potting soil... these and a few other short-term chores don’t take much time.

Nah. I’m more likely to stay indoors out of pollen’s reach and watch more re-



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runs of Gunsmoke, Twilight Zone, and Andy Griffith.

Sure, there’s good weather for catching up on little chores around the garden. Trouble is, after decades of developing a basically self-regulating garden of low-maintenance plants, I can only knock around the yard with a cup of coffee in hand for so long without wishing I had more to do.

In spite of how the likelihood of a touch of “blackberry winter” frost later this month, it’s mighty tempting to swap out my winter flowers and herbs for summer stuff. I only have four small flower and herb beds and three groups of big pots, located strategically so they play off one another to create the illusion of way more color.

At least I can fill some pots with soil to plant in a couple of weeks.

Maybe I’ll get rid of leftover plastic pots by filling them with hardy perennials and bulbs and stack them on the curb with my email address in case neighbors want to find out how to grow them.

Luckily, my Friday and Saturday MPB radio broadcast doesn’t require elbow-



Garden gnome for yard art blog.

bump encounters, so at least some of your yard art (garden@mpbonline.org) and party can continue both live I’ll post a blog on our funky- and via podcasts.

Then again, maybe I’ll just Whatever it takes to get us through, eh?

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2020 legislative session will not reconvene on April 1

Press Release

The Mississippi Legislature will delay reconvening the 2020 Legislative Session beyond Wednesday, April 1, by agreement of Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann and Speaker of the House Philip Gunn.

The Legislature adjourned its 125-day Session temporarily on Wednesday, March 18, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 65, which provided it would reconvene April 1 or on another date determined jointly by agreement of the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker.

Lieutenant Governor Hosemann, Speaker Gunn, and members of the Legislature continue to analyze the impact of COVID-19 and the new federal stimulus legislation on the State’s emergency response efforts, healthcare facilities, and the wider state budget. Budget analysts and agencies have advised legislative leadership that all agencies currently have the funds needed to meet the needs of our citizens.

No specific date is set for

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My grandmother used to say “I am discombobulated” meaning that she was confused about her surrounding or things that were happening. Well, I am twice discombobulated about all this going on now. I sometimes feel as if I am in a zombie movie or an alien takeover. I am fastened up inside my house afraid to go outside as one of the “zombies” might get to me. The zombie in this case being the Coronavirus. A word I had never heard until just a few days ago.

Part of my family and I were on the Mississippi Gulf Coast last week during spring break and as we were leaving, we



Peggy’s Take

heard about how serious this virus had become and how it was spreading. We were told what to do in order to prevent our taking this new and deadly disease. Now we were on the gulf coast – oysters, shrimp, lobster, crab legs, and all other yummy seafood dishes. We HAD to enjoy these foods so we bought a very large can of Clorox wipes and set them on our table in the restaurant and wiped down the menu, the utensils, plates and our hands before we enjoyed the food. We got some really odd looks from our neighbors. I don’t know if they were laughing at us or if they were thinking about grabbing our sanitized wipes.

As we were preparing to leave to come home, we were told that there was no more Clorox wipes or hand sanitizer available in any of the grocery stores. We decided to look for ourselves and as we entered the large stores, we noticed people with overfilled grocery carts loaded with thirty or forty rolls of toilet paper and

many rolls of paper towels. As a matter of fact, the aisle where this was located was completely empty. I don’t believe that a family could possibly use all this toilet paper if they had a stomach virus or a colonoscopy every day for weeks. There were people grabbing packages of toilet paper from other’s carts and running down the aisle. They were almost fighting over the hand sanitizer as if it were pieces of gold.

We have owned a small grocery chain for several years and as we got home, we checked one of our stores. The same thing was going on here. Our shelves were empty

***Dave Says**

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You know, if I were as incompetent as your former employer, I’d be too embarrassed to ask for the money back. But hey, the point is it’s not your money. Sign the forms, and let them take the money out.

Keep an eye on your HSA balance, though, and make sure they take out only amount they overpaid—not one penny more or less.

Keep it simple, Ellie. You didn’t earn this money, and it wasn’t expected or agreed upon. It was a mistake, so just do the right thing. Control the scenario, and stay on top of this situation until everything is resolved correctly.

—Dave

of toilet paper except for two packages and I GRABBED THAT! We have survived grocery wars, fires, and floods and we have endured but I have never seen anything like this. We have reordered and as we come from the back dock with a case of toilet paper, we don’t even stock the shelves as it is taken straight from the box. Don’t get me wrong we appreciate the business!

I feel sure all this “zombie apocalypse” and alien take over will come to an end soon but if you do run out of toilet paper, you do remember what your ancestors used in their outhouses???

We enjoy pizza and this cas-

serole is just easier sometimes.

PIZZA CASSEROLE

2 pounds of ground beef

1 large chopped onion

3 ½ cups of spaghetti sauce (homemade or bought)

1 package of spiral pasta, cooked and drained

4 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

1 package of pepperoni

Preheat oven to 350*. Cook beef and onion until done and stir in spaghetti sauce and pasta. Pour into a 13 x 9-inch casserole dish and sprinkle with cheese. Bake for 25 – 30 minutes.

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-Holmes County Herald Staff