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Clinton's closest hospital prepared to keep communities safe

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According to Merit Health leadership, Hospital Week has deeper meaning this year as the Merit Health team celebrates its work to provide safe, high-quality care for patients.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has made it clear just how much communities and their local hospitals rely on each other," said Merit Health leadership. "During the past few weeks, we've felt an outpouring of support, and we are grateful to everyone who has delivered a meal, sewn a face mask, left a card, a sign or a chalk drawing, or who has just reached out to one of our caregivers and support team to say thank you. Thank you for doing that."



Merit Health leadership say the hospital system is used to responding in times of crisis, but this pandemic is unlike anything ever experienced. Because of the possible anxiety around healthcare during this time, Merit Health would like for Mississippians to remember a few things.

First, leadership says Merit Health systems maintain a safe environment for patients and employees.

"We are taking extraordinary measures, going above and beyond our normal efforts to keep our hospitals clean and safe so that you will feel confident and know you are protected," they said. "We are screening everyone who comes into the hospitals, providing face masks and other personal protective equipment to staff and patients, and rearranging our en-

vironments to enable social distancing. In addition, if we have patients with COVID-19 at the hospital, we are caring for them in an area that is separate and isolated from the rest of the hospital. Of course, our cleaning staff is disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and doing a terrific job of keeping the hospitals clean."

"We also want you to know that if you have sudden symptoms that may indicate an emergency health situation, you can - and should - seek immediate medical attention. Tragically, people with serious emergencies, such as a heart attack or stroke, are waiting too long for medical care. Getting fast medical treatment could be the difference between life and death so please don't ignore the signs of a health emergency. Call 911, come to the hospital, and get the help you need."

The same goes for chronic conditions and routine healthcare needs. Many doctors offer telehealth visits for those who prefer not to come into the office. But if an in-person visit is required, Merit Health is keeping offices safe.

"Standing together, we have seen how powerful our human connection really is. Keep standing together, but stay six feet apart. Wash your hands frequently. Tell someone how much you appreciate them. And, if you need healthcare, please don't be afraid. We are here and prepared to care for you and keep you safe."

Clinton Municipal Court resumes

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Clinton Municipal Court Services reopened to the public on Monday, May 4, and court resumed on Wednesday, May 6.

Individuals with matters before the court are encouraged to contact Court Services to determine their adjusted court dates. Strict social distancing guidelines will be followed. No more than ten people will be allowed inside the courtroom at a time.

Judge Boone has lifted the amnesty

period that was in effect while court was under shelter-in-place orders. All fines, contempt charges, and assessments are being enforced as of Monday, May 4, 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 shelter-in-place order, many cases were continued until the fall. For information, call 601-924-4411 or visit www.ClintonMS.org/Court.

Clinton Municipal Court is located at 305 Monroe Street, Clinton, MS 39056.

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