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Virtual Appointments with Local Physicians Now Available

New Telemedicine appointments available through Willapa Harbor Hospital.

SOUTH BEND, Wash. (April 14, 2020) – As businesses and organizations across the nation adjust their operations to provide better health and safety measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Willapa Harbor Hospital is implementing new technologies across the local health system’s medical clinics. With telemedicine services, your next visit to your medical provider is only a phone call or video chat away.

“In light of today’s health concerns, we are excited to provide our patients with the service they need and the attention they expect,” says Matthew Kempton, CEO of Willapa Harbor Hospital. “Our new service allows us to provide remote appointments with our medical providers, eliminating the need for in-person visits for many of our patients.”

With telemedicine appointments via Pacific Family Health Center and Willapa Harbor Hospital Clinics, patients can visit with medical providers over the telephone via video chat. Based on the outcomes of these visits, providers can provide recommendations on next steps.

Diagnosing common conditions and prescribing medication is possible with some patients. If lab work and other tests or screenings are necessary, such procedures will be scheduled as appropriate.

“Our goal is to continue to see patients while practicing the necessary social distancing recommendations set forth by state and federal officials,” Kempton says. “Best of all, our patients will not need to leave the comfort of their homes for a telemedicine appointment.”

To participate in a live, interactive visit with a local medical provider, patients will need a smartphone or computer that have a camera and microphone enabled.

According to Kempton, appointments are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Medicare, Medicaid, and most private health insurance plans are accepted.

For more information, please call Pacific Family Health Center (360-875-5579), Willapa Harbor Hospital Clinic – Hing (360-875-5526), or Willapa Harbor Hospital – Hill (360-875-4502). To learn more about local healthcare programs, services and medical providers, please visit www.willapaharborhospital.com.

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About Willapa Harbor Hospital

Founded in 1954, Willapa Harbor Hospital serves the healthcare needs of north Pacific County residents. The hospital offers a wealth of medical services, including in-patient care, a Level V 24-hour trauma center and advanced radiology services (including CT, MRIs, and mammograms), an outpatient lab, physical therapy, social services, minor surgical services, patient education and more. Pacific Family Health Center is a medical clinic that is also operated by Willapa Harbor Hospital. For more information, please visit www.willapaharborhospital.com.

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