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Hospitals Play a Critical Role During Extraordinary Times

Willapa Harbor Hospital celebrates medical care during National Hospital Week.

SOUTH BEND, Wash. (May 4, 2020) – A vibrant and healthy community depends on a team of medical providers and robust healthcare services. In times of great need, the critical role that hospitals play in protecting the health and safety of the communities they serve is clearer than ever.

To give thanks for those who are working tirelessly to protect our health and safety, Willapa Harbor Hospital is observing National Hospital Week (May 10-16), an opportunity to celebrate local healthcare services and the providers and staff who protect and care for us.

“Although hospitals provide important healthcare services all year long, this year’s Hospital Week takes on special meaning,” said Matthew Kempton, CEO of Willapa Harbor Hospital. “We are fortunate to have robust healthcare services and a team of experienced professionals to protect our community and provide critical healthcare services when we need them most.”

Thousands of hospitals across the country celebrate healthcare professionals and their services during hospital week. This year, healthcare providers across the country are being honored for working day and night to care for patients affected by COVID-19 and to protect their communities from the spread of illness.

“We are continuing to work with state and federal health officials to respond to COVID-19,” Kempton said. “We are grateful to our medical team and staff for their tireless work to provide the healthcare services our community needs.”

A magazine editor who wanted to educate the public about the work of hospitals launched National Hospital Week in 1921. Since then, it has become one of the nation’s largest healthcare celebrations.

According to Kempton, the local hospital provides critical healthcare services in Pacific County that residents would otherwise have to travel long distances to find. At a time when many hospitals are cutting back on services or facing closure, Willapa Harbor Hospital has remained resilient and committed to delivering important healthcare to the community. The local medical center continues to grow and improve its programs, services and facilities.

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Pacific County residents can take advantage of a large number of medical services, including 24-hour emergency care; advanced radiology services; a clinical laboratory; surgical services; and three health clinics that provide convenient primary care services.

Local medical providers in a variety of specialties are also available, including those specializing in family practice, obstetrics, internal medicine and surgical services. Kempton added that having these services available locally helps reduce the burden of travel for patients and their families.

In addition to providing critical healthcare services, the hospital is a major contributor to the local economy, providing employment and support for community organizations and projects, all while providing important services to protect the health and safety of the community.

“Improving the health of our community is our promise,” Kempton said. “From routine surgery to responding to a public health crisis, we are fortunate to have a compassionate and professional medical team to provide the healthcare services that keep our community safe and healthy.”

To learn more about healthcare services and providers, please visit www.willapaharborhospital.com

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, ultrasound and mammograms), an outpatient lab, surgical services, diabetic 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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