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San Juan Regional Medical Center Urges Only those Exhibiting Symptoms to Present to External Assessment Area

FARMINGTON, NM (March 19, 2020) – It is critical that everyone know that **those without symptoms of COVID-19 infection** - those symptoms being fever, cough, body aches, sore throat, runny nose and any other flu/cold-like symptoms– **do not need testing for COVID-19.** “In order to best serve our community during the COVID-19 national emergency, we are asking the community for their support in helping us serve the most vulnerable by not coming to the testing assessment area unless they are exhibiting symptoms. It is important that we come together to serve everyone. The safety of our caregivers and community is our highest priority.” said Jeff Bourgeois, President and CEO.

Testing needs to be prioritized for those with symptoms of COVID-19 infection: fever, cough, body aches, sore throat, runny nose and any other flu/cold-like symptoms. Workplaces should not mandate that employees get tested for COVID-19 UNLESS employees are displaying symptoms: fever, cough, or shortness of breath. If a patient comes to the assessment and symptoms are not present, you will not be tested. Testing is at the discretion and judgement of the provider performing the assessment. Please place your trust in us as medical professionals who are working so hard to protect and treat our community and **only come to the assessment if you are currently exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.** It is also critical that those who DO have symptoms of COVID-19 do **NOT** enter medical facilities without first contacting them, especially emergency departments. Unless you have serious, emergent symptoms, you should not enter emergency departments.

Our next assessment will take place on Friday, March 20.

What: Drive through assessment area

Who: Only those patients experiencing flu/cold-like symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath and/or muscle cramping

When: Friday, March 20 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Parking Lot K of the SJRMC Campus – located on West Pinon Street next to San Juan Health Partners Midwifery and Women’s Health (See attached map)

For the latest updates from San Juan Regional Medical Center on COVID-19, please visit our website at www.sanjuanregional.com/coronavirus, follow us on social media or call our coronavirus information hotline at 505.516.0938 or toll free at 888.949.5387.

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