CAMERON
MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, Cameron Hospital is opening a temporary clinic for respiratory illness only. The clinic is accessed through the back entrance of the urgent care building , keeping the front entrance open for other non-respiratory urgent needs, and moving occupational medicine patients to the front starting Thursday March 26, 2020.

This will allow us to better manage potential COVID-19 patients and patients with other signs and symptoms of respiratory disease, with a dedicated space and processes to expedite evaluations and decisions about further care. It will also help us keep potentially infected people away from those who likely are not.

Dr. MacLean is leading the effort to create the temporary clinic as part of multiple steps being taken by Cameron to "flatten the curve" of infection in the county. Such steps are designed to slow the spread and reduce a surge of sick patients that could overwhelm the health care system.

This dedicated clinic will reduce potential exposure in suspected cases to others who may have totally different urgent care and-or general medical needs. It also takes pressure off the emergency department.

The temporary respiratory clinic will be housed in the BACK entrance of the Urgent Care facility 1381 N Wayne Street Angola, IN 46703.

Hours will be:
Monday- Friday 8:00 am to 7:30pm
And
Saturday and Sunday 9:00am to 5:30pm

Due to limited resources, no walk-in evaluations will be offered at the respiratory clinic. Healthy people should not come at all -- and those with mild or moderate symptoms must be assessed by calling the Cameron resource line (260.667.5555) to obtain an appointment before coming to the clinic. It is important to understand that this is by appointment only that you can only

obtain an appointment through the resource line. Our testing capability is limited and is reserved for those who are severely ill and meet testing guidelines.

As a precautionary measure, the respiratory clinic will not have a waiting room - the waiting area will effectively be in patients' cars. Patients who have an appointment should expect they could wait in their car for an extended amount of time.

Anyone with respiratory issues must:

- First call the COVID-19 hotline at 260.667.5555 (available 24/7). Appointments can only be made during the clinic hours, but screening is available 24 hours.
- If assessed as needing to do more than remain home in isolation, instructions will be given including an appointment time and advised to go to the respiratory clinic. Only patients who have taken this step can receive further assessment at the respiratory clinic.
- If patients with respiratory issues call their normal provider, it is possible they will be referred to the resource hotline.
- Respiratory clinic patients will be directed to the BACK area of the parking lot at 1381 N Wayne Street Angola, IN 46703 and remain in their car until a nurse is available. The patient will then be masked and taken into the facility for assessment.

Meanwhile, all other non-respiratory urgent care and occupational medicine patients are directed to go to the FRONT entrance of the Cameron Urgent Care (1381 N Wayne Street Angola, IN 46703.) location for normal triage and treatment.