

A COVID-19 Response Update from Marin Community Clinics' CEO May 22, 2020

Dear Marin Community Clinics Family,

Receiving care by telehealth has been vital for keeping people connected with their health care providers since the COVID-19 outbreak began. Today approximately 80% of patient care at MCC is being conducted by telehealth. On May 21st the San Francisco Chronicle published an article by our Chief Behavioral Health Officer Dr. Elizabeth Horevitz and San Rafael Regional Medical Director Dr. Melanie Thompson on this important topic.

SF Chronicle Open Forum article:

https://www.sfchronicle.com/opinion/openforum/article/Why-new-telehealth-benefits-must-be-extended-15284970.php?t=c5361c11f0

Earlier this week I talked with Dr. Jose Chibras, Chief Medical Officer, on Facebook Live. Watch us here https://www.facebook.com/marinclinics/videos/550949209156927/. If you "like" Marin Community Clinics' Facebook page, you will receive notifications for future live events. (You needn't have a Facebook account to watch, however.) Next Friday I will speak with Dr. Elizabeth Horevitz about our behavioral health services. While these conversations are geared toward the people who come to us for care, I believe they will be of interest to you, too.

While Memorial Day honors fallen members of the U.S. military, it is also a time when people often gather for picnics, sports and barbeques. Despite the temptations of warm weather and the holiday weekend, I strongly encourage you to continue following the County of Marin's public health guidelines. Visit https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/stay-home-order-effect-marin-county for details of the order.

We are all in this together.

My best to you all,

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