

Update

marin community clinics



A COVID-19 Response Update from Marin Community Clinics' CEO

April 10, 2020

Dear Marin Community Clinics Family,

This week I will share some encouraging news with you, and ask for your support of Marin Community Clinics at this crucial juncture. Team MCC continues to be uplifted by tremendous community support - and by the heartfelt gratitude that is continually expressed by the people that we serve.

- This week we received \$1.3 million Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding through the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA). These funds are a big help but will not fully bridge the financial gap that we are now experiencing. We are pursuing all relevant funding opportunities including telehealth/IT grants for purchasing laptops & headsets and equipping exam rooms for telehealth.
- In addition to telehealth visits, patients continue to be seen in person for medical and dental care as needed. While in-person dental visits are limited to emergencies, we are conducting telephone visits for non-emergencies and preparing for video visits.
- Remote nutrition visits with our patients who have chronic disease have been very well-received, as are lactation support services.
- Newly uninsured people are reaching out to us, and we are accepting new patients in all departments. Our certified enrollment counselors are busy enrolling eligible individuals into public insurance programs. Sliding scale fees are waived for telephone visits for patients without insurance. We do not want anyone to go without care due to an inability to pay.
- This week we have been the recipients of much generosity from our community. In-kind donations from Stacy Scott Catering, Hank's Pizza, and Johnny's Doughnuts brought smiles to our employees, and KN95 masks from Marin Community Foundation will keep us and those we serve safe! We are deeply appreciative of these gifts.
- We have received cash contributions that are put to use where most needed to ensure that our community's most economically vulnerable residents receive high quality care. Thanks to each of you who have made a donation; please know that we couldn't do this work without you.

If you have the following items in unopened boxes that you can donate, contact gifts@marinclinics.org: surgical masks, N95 or K95 masks, face shields, nitrile or latex medical exam gloves, hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol (ethanol or ethyl alcohol), and Lysol or Clorox wipes with bleach.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, I hope you will consider making a donation today.

We are all in this together.

My best to you all,

Mitesh Popat, MD, MPH
Chief Executive Officer