



MARTHA'S VINEYARD
HOSPITAL



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From: Katrina Delgadillo, Director of Communications
Subject: MVH/WNR Daily Update on COVID-19 Virus

In order to provide the latest updates and guidance to our community, we will be sending this daily bulletin. This information will also contain our request TO the community to help us contain spread and to protect our healthcare workers and resources. Below is the daily update from Martha's Vineyard Hospital as of today, Wednesday, March 17th at 9:00am:

- MVH is in the process of closing down all non-essential visits to the hospital. This includes routine clinic visits, rehab visits (with some exceptions), some ancillary areas and business offices. Please bear with us as we institute work from home measures, patient triage measures and redeployment of staff to keep you and our workers safe.
- All elective surgeries have been cancelled for the next 6 weeks to preserve critical supplies. Patients will receive a call to reschedule.
- If you are sick and believe you have been exposed to Covid-19, please call your primary care doctor to obtain further instructions.
- We have created a triage area at the entrance of the Emergency Room (ER) for patients with respiratory symptoms.
- If you have a scheduled outpatient appointment at the hospital, call ahead to that specific department to confirm it is still scheduled and which door to arrive at as the hospital is locking down all but limited entry points.
- No visitors to both MVH and Windemere until further notice with limited exceptions. Please check with the patient's doctor before coming to the hospital.
- The front entrance of the hospital will be closed as of today. There will be signage directing individuals to the proper entrance.
- We are suspending pediatric walk-ins (7:30-9am) until further notice.
- Hospital leaders are meeting and planning around the clock to ensure we are prepared to care for our patients. The health of our colleagues and our community remains our number one priority, but we remind you, this is NOT business as usual.
- This is going to be a long-term event and we need to prepare appropriately with limited resources.
- Continue to practice social distancing, washing your hands, and follow guidelines from your federal, state, and local officials.

Thank you for sharing this information with the public.