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MOAB REGIONAL HOSPITAL IMPLEMENTS NEW PROTOCOLS
TO PROTECT PATIENTS AND STAFF

"Think you have coronavirus? Call first!" 435-719-3998

MOAB, UTAH – The health of the community is the number one priority for Moab Regional Hospital, who works closely with local, regional, and state entities, including the Department of Health, to provide you with the most up to date information regarding novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

COVID-19 is a rapidly changing pandemic that is still considered low risk. At this point, people are more likely to have the flu and people with flu-like symptoms should call 435-719-3998 before using Urgent Care, or the Emergency Room if they are experiencing severe symptoms. Currently, the health department is only testing for COVID-19 if the patient first tests negative for the flu and the person is either high-risk for complications or has known COVID-19 exposure.

In order to protect the health of their patients and critical healthcare staff, Moab Regional Hospital will be limiting access to their facility effective immediately. They want to ensure their facility is staffed with the appropriate amount of providers to help keep all current and future patients healthy and taken care of. Access to Moab Regional Hospital will be limited to the Main Entrance (patient drop-off area) and the Emergency Room entrance located in the back of the building (north side). All individuals entering the building will be screened by staff and will be required to put on a face mask if flu-like symptoms (fever or cough) are displayed.

Moab Regional Hospital has also temporarily implemented a more restrictive visitor policy. Only two visitors per patient per visit are allowed and both visitors must be 18 years old or over. Due to the unique needs of Obstetrics and Hospice patients, visitors younger than 18 years old will be considered on a case-by-case basis. No visitors will be allowed for patients with confirmed COVID-19 disease.

By limiting visitors to the facility, the community can help Moab Regional Hospital protect the health of their patients and staff.

Moab Regional Hospital is committed to the health of the community and will continue to monitor and implement all protocols recommended by the Utah Department of Health and the CDC in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID- 19) outbreak. For up-to-date information about current protocols and recommendations, please follow Moab Regional Hospital's Facebook page.

Moab Regional Hospital is a 17-bed not-for-profit Critical Access Hospital and Level IV Trauma Center located in Moab, Utah, and is the leader in healthcare in southeastern Utah. Our mission is to put our patients first, deliver quality, cost-effective healthcare, and to promote wellness to all we serve.

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