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## Public Service Announcement **EACH to resume select in-person primary care services for patients**

**FORT CARSON, Colo.** – Beginning May 18, 2020, Evans Army Community Hospital (EACH) will resume select in-person primary care services for patients at Ivy Clinic and the Pediatric Clinic.

In-person primary care at EACH was reduced in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic and virtual appointments with providers expanded to continue patient access to primary care.

“We recognize that there are significant developmental milestones, immunizations and certain preventative screening tests that require a face-to-face visit,” said Dr. Erika Overbeek-Wager, chief, Department of Primary Care at EACH. “We can continue to safely provide high-quality virtual care to our beneficiary population while carefully booking our necessary face-to-face visits.”

Ivy Clinic and the Pediatric Clinic will provide well-child visits for children up to 12 months, 18 months, two years, and four-to-five years of age. Required follow-up appointments will also be seen in the clinics, unless virtual follow up can be provided.

Other available primary care services that will be provided at Ivy Clinic include contraceptive placement, scheduled immunizations, cervical cancer screenings, and surveillance pap smears. Also, case-by-case disease management appointments will be available.

The Centralized Screening and Testing Center (CSTC) remains open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for patients who feel they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. During after hours and weekends, please visit the Emergency Department.

Due to public health concerns related to COVID-19, EACH continues to take precautionary steps to minimize traffic within the hospital and limit the amount of patients inside clinic waiting rooms, which includes staggering appointments. EACH also promotes social distancing and frequently sanitizes clinic areas.

Patients visiting EACH should park in the West Parking Lot and enter through the main hospital entrance. Staff will screen patients for temperature and symptoms upon entering the facility.

Patients are required to wear a cloth face covering while visiting the hospital and clinics. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under two years of age, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance.

To schedule an appointment, call the Colorado Springs Military Health System Access to Care Line at (719) 526-2273 and select option one. Services and appointments are still limited at this time. Updates will be provided to the community as soon as they become available.

***For more information, contact the Evans Army Community Hospital Public Affairs Office at (719) 526-7473. After hours please contact the 24-hour Fort Carson Operations Center at (719) 526-5500 and ask for the On-Call Public Affairs Officer.***