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Alluvion Health Adjusts COVID-19 Drive Through Hours

Starting on Monday February 14th, Alluvion Health will be adjusting its COVID-19 drive-through hours of operation. The testing site will now be open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. The testing site will be closed on Saturdays. The drive through testing site will continue to be located at the Montana Expo Park inside the Family Living Center at 400 3rd St. NW.

The decision to reduce COVID-19 drive through hours was not made lightly, and can be attributed to reduced volumes throughout the past five weeks, as well as increased access to at-home COVID-19 testing kits. The Cascade County Health Department is currently offering free at-home COVID-19 test kits. Alluvion Health will soon be distributing free at-home COVID-19 test kits, and K-N95 masks. The public will be notified when these are available.

"Our response to the COVID-19 pandemic has always been and will continue to be based on community need. These past few weeks we have seen a decreased demand for drive-through PCR testing" said Casey Schreiner, Vice President of Strategy and Innovation at Alluvion Health. "We are hopeful that with increased access and utilization of at-home COVID-19 test kits, ongoing community vaccination clinics, and increased K-N95 mask availability, reducing our COVID-19 drive through hours will have minimal effect on public health."

Alluvion Health will continue to hold community vaccine clinics on February 16th and 23rd from 2 pm to 6 pm Paris Gibson Education Center (2400 Central Ave). Individuals can also call Alluvion Health at (406) 454-6973 to schedule an appointment to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

We continue to encourage the community to follow CDC recommendations which include wearing a properly fitting mask indoors while in public places, social distancing when possible, staying home when you are sick, and getting tested if symptoms are consistent with COVID-19.

For more information regarding COVID -19 vaccines and flu shots, please visit our website at <https://www.alluvionhealth.org/covid-19/>. For more information on COVID-19 symptoms and when to seek emergency care, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptomtesting/symptoms.html#emergency-medical-attention>

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