

COVID-19 Action Plan for Alamo Navajo Health Services

March 12, 2020

This is a fluid situation and will evolve the CDC and NM Department of Health (NM DOH) recommendations for COVID-19 virus evolves.

There are currently 4 presumptive positive cases in the state of NM.

1. Develop questionnaire for front desk based on CDC guidelines for walk in patients:
 - a. Have you been out of the country in the past 30 days AND have a cough, shortness of breath AND fever
 - b. If yes, patient will be taken to the designated isolation room and further assessed by medical staff
 - c. Clinic staff will call the NM Department of Health (DOH) for further guidance
 - d. Patient will be transported to Socorro General for testing and triage by ambulance if recommended and available.
 - e. If DOH recommends that he patient return home, the DOH will be in contact with that patient personally
2. Same questionnaire for call in patients
 - a. Have you been out of the country in the past 30 days AND have a cough, shortness of breath AND fever
 - b. If patient responded yes, encourage patient call the NM DOH for assessment
3. N-95 masks were fitted for appropriate staff by Socorro General on Wednesday March 11, 2020 at the Wellness Center. Testing to resume next week.
4. Kody Benson, RN is in contact with Adrian Morris, Emergency Response coordinator, and is following Department of Health and CDC protocols
5. The CHRs have translated and recorded PSAs for the radio station to air. CHRs will also be available to educate patient with pamphlets in English and Navajo
6. Kody, Dr. Hassell, and Shawna Marion will be checking the CDC and NM DOH websites daily
7. Maintenance and Housekeeping are increasing cleaning and sanitation efforts by:
 - a. Triple wipe downs
 - b. More usage of the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the employees
 - c. Double the sweeping and mopping
 - d. Checking the clinic, and dental area, and front waiting areas more often than normal.

- e. Posting up information on preventing the covid-19 from spreading, (Basic personal hygiene) in English and Navajo in clinic waiting rooms and exam rooms
- f. Locating Isolation room for a + case of the covid-19.
- g. We also have PPE for the patients that are coming in for service.
8. Terminal cleaning will continue to occur following Blood Borne Pathogen and Universal Precaution guidelines
9. Handwashing survey for providers
10. Assessment and review of current inventory of hand sanitizer, soap, masks, disinfecting wipes
 - a. Order as needed
 - b. Prevention of personal stockpiling by staff and/or community
11. Update staff and community daily, if necessary
12. Follow CDC and NM DOH guidelines for the prevention of community spread

Alamo Navajo Health Services is not currently a COVID-19 treatment or testing facility. According to current DOH guidelines, testing should be contained as the samples require special handling. Suspected patients will be assessed, reported to NM DOH, and transported to Socorro General, an approved testing site, if recommended by the DOH.