## COVID-19 Update April 7, 2020 Universal Masking and Additional Screening

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As we continue to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Uniontown Hospital implemented additional screening protocols beginning at 6 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, for patients coming to the facility for testing or procedures.

In addition to being stopped and questioned before entering either the Hospital or the Outpatient Diagnostic Center, patients for testing or treatment will have their temperature recorded and be issued a mask if their temperature is greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

We also ask that patients coming to the hospital or the ODC for testing or treatment please follow Centers for Disease Control and state Department of Health Guidelines regarding universal masking and wear a mask upon arrival. Homemade masks are acceptable for this purpose and provide an extra layer of protection for patients and for hospital staff.

The addition to the screening process comes three weeks after all visitation to the hospital was suspended and more than two weeks since screening protocols were established at the Main Entrance of the Hospital, at the Emergency Department entrance and at the Outpatient Diagnostic Center.

Protocols remain in place for COVID-19 testing both at the Emergency Department for patients rising to the level of needing emergency care and for our off-site testing location in the parking lot of the old Kmart on Matthews Drive.

We continue to respectfully ask for your full cooperation during this challenging time. The COVID-19 pandemic is best handled through limiting exposure for everyone and preventing transmission of the disease and the safety of our patients, staff and community is our priority.

Please note that additional restrictions and flow changes could be implemented in the coming and weeks as we continue to navigate through this national crisis.

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