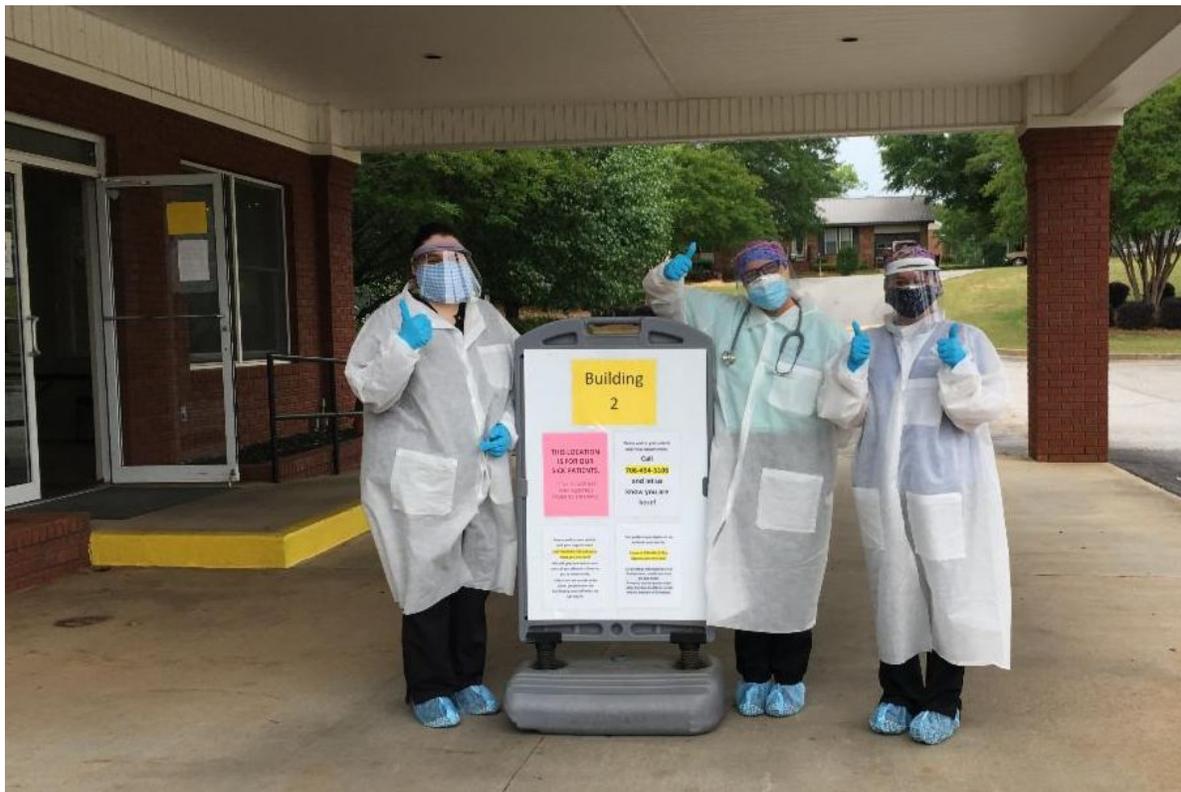


Caring for the community amidst a pandemic

Hello community partners, patients, and friends!
Here's our first quarterly newsletter of 2020 (a little late!).
Read through and click on the links to learn more.



Treating patients during the COVID-19 pandemic

NEW PROCESSES BUT SAME QUALITY HEALTHCARE

COVID-19 Our apologies that the first quarter newsletter is a month late! As essential workers, we have remained open and provided care to our community. Adjusting to the new normal during the Coronavirus pandemic has brought its own challenges, but none that our staff members have not been ready to face. Our leadership has worked tirelessly to ensure that our patients still receive the same level of care that we always provide. Our website has a [COVID-19 page](#) that includes updates for our offices. We are thankful for all of the wonderful community members and local businesses who have provided goodies and snacks for us at the offices!

Sick clinic In an effort to protect patients who need to come in for routine visits, we created a sick clinic at our Greensboro location for all patients who



present with acute symptoms or COVID-19 signs/symptoms. Our medical director, **Nathan Wade, FNP-C**, as well as **Donna Kauffman, FNP-C** are seeing the patients in the sick clinic. We have the ability to test patients for COVID-19 as well as treat other common illnesses and problems.

Moving forward Although we have no way of knowing exactly how long things will be this way, we will continue to use proper safety measures (as we always have!) to clean and sanitize our offices and equipment. We want our patients to know that we are here for you during this, and we encourage you to not neglect your health.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Several employees visited Atlanta in early February to attend Community Health Center Day at the Capitol. We were able to meet with other Georgia health center workers and heard Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan speak about his personal interest in making sure Georgians have quality healthcare.



NEW PROVIDER

We welcome **Carrie Dawson, PA-C** to our practice! Carrie is a Physician Assistant and will see patients at the Wellness Center, Milledgeville, and River Edge Behavioral Health in Baldwin County. Before coming to Oconee Valley Healthcare in early May, Carrie worked for Piedmont Walton Gastroenterology in Loganville.

[Like us on Facebook to see all our latest pictures and announcements](#)

NEW MILLEDGEVILLE OFFICE

Our Milledgeville office recently relocated to a brand new office!

**510 N Cobb St
Milledgeville, GA 31061**

This office allows our staff to have more space and an updated lab area. **Sally Powell, FNP-C** as well as our new PA, **Carrie Dawson**, are happy to see you here!

Call us today for an appointment



DR. EDET GIVES TALK AT B&GC

Dr. Itoro Edet, our pediatrician, visited the SMART Girls program at the Pete Nance Boys and Girls Club in early March. She spoke with the girls about the changes that come with growing up. The girls enjoyed the activities and lesson!

Pete Nance Boys and Girls Club



YOUTH LEADERSHIP GREENE

Community outreach attended Healthcare Day for Youth Leadership Greene at St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital in late February. The program is for 10th graders in Greene County schools (GCHS, LOA, & NGA), and Healthcare Day teaches the students about different healthcare careers and organizations.



TELEMEDICINE

One of the positive changes that came



ADVOCACY EFFORTS

Oconee Valley Healthcare earned the

out of COVID-19 was our ability to provide **telemedicine** appointments for our patients! Please consider taking advantage of our telemed option if you are concerned about coming to an appointment in the office.

Three of our nurse practitioners, Megan Jackson, Sally Powell, and Kelly Wiedower, as well as Dr. Dave Ringer are available for appointments through the computer! Call our office to learn more or visit our **telemedicine page** on our website.

What exactly is telemedicine?

recognition of Bronze Level Advocacy Center of Excellence in 2019, and our efforts to advocate for health centers have continued in 2020. According to an email sent recently by the **NACHC**, 30 million Americans have filed for unemployment insurance in the past six weeks. Community Health Centers are going to see an increased demand for care in the coming weeks and months as we are the only PCPs who care for patients no matter their ability to pay. We continue to advocate for stable funding from Congress.

Take action for our health center!

THE COMING MONTHS



Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 safety precautions, many spring events we usually attend have been cancelled, including Southland Jubilee in Greensboro, Art Healthy Festival in Milledgeville, and Teen Mazes in Greene, Morgan, and Putnam schools. Our Walk to Wellness program that we hold jointly with St. Mary's Good

Samaritan Hospital was also cancelled. However, our Little Free Pantry in front of our Greensboro office is always open, and we encourage community members to drop off non-perishable food items for others in need during this difficult time.

We hope that in the following months we are able to return to normal so we can celebrate National Health Center Week with you in August and hold our health fair as part of the Greene County Back to School Bash. Decisions regarding these events have not been finalized, but please check our Facebook and website for any updates. We consider the safety of our patients and community the most important factor in decisions.

News and Events

Thank you for letting us share our mission with you.

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