

## Staying resilient in our fight against COVID-19

Hello community partners, patients, and friends!  
Here's our second quarterly newsletter of 2020.  
Read through and click on the links to learn more.



### **Continuing to treat patients during the COVID-19 pandemic** **NEW PROCESSES BUT SAME QUALITY HEALTHCARE**

**COVID-19** 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** and **Kelly Wiedower, 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. The hours for the sick clinic are Monday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Friday 8

a.m. - 5 p.m.

**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



### NEW PROVIDER

We welcome **Benjamin "Seth" Goodroe, MD** to our practice! Dr. Goodroe is a Family Medicine Physician and will see patients at the Wellness Center and rotate as a hospitalist at St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital. Before coming to Oconee Valley Healthcare in July, Dr. Goodroe worked in the emergency room and urgent care in South Carolina.

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### NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK

National Health Center Week is right around the corner! This year it will take place from August 9th - August 15th. National Health Center Week (NHCW) is a celebration of health centers across the country. The week is meant to bring light to the great work that Federally Qualified Health Centers do in local communities. The theme this year is "Lighting the Way for Healthier Communities Today and in the Future." If you would like to learn more about



the week, you can visit

<https://healthcenterweek.org/>.

Because of COVID-19, we are not able to participate in events as we have in years past. However, we are very excited to celebrate with our staff and continue to shine a light on the value Community Health Centers bring to their patients.



## TELEMEDICINE

One of the positive changes that came 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.

One of our nurse practitioners, Kelly Wiedower, and 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?**

## A HELPFUL DONATION

Last week, the ladies of the Iota Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, donated digital blood pressure cuffs for patients in need. Additionally, they all brought items to contribute to our Free Little Pantry. Thank you, ladies!



## ADVOCACY EFFORTS

As our efforts to advocate for health centers continue, Oconee Valley Healthcare is still focused on our goal of achieving the Silver Level Advocacy Center of Excellence. This level will involve more participation from our staff as well as more involvement with our elected officials.

As we continue to face this public health emergency, Community Health Centers are fighting to implement preventative and protective practices. We are advocating for stable, long-term funding from Congress.

**Take action for our health center!**



## THE COMING MONTHS



Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 safety precautions, many events we usually attend have been cancelled, including the Greene County Back to School Bash and Health Fair. We are also not able to host any community events for National Health Center Week. 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 ongoing difficult time.

We hope that in the following months we are able to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month with you in October. Decisions on events for this month have not yet been finalized, but please continue to check our website and Facebook page for updates.

### **News and Events**

**Thank you for letting us share our mission with you.**

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