



## Staying resilient in our fight against COVID-19

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



### Advocating for Community Health Centers during COVID-19 BEING A VOICE FOR THE HEALTH CENTER MODEL OF CARE

Health centers have a proud tradition of support from both sides of the political aisle. Bipartisan support continues to be beneficial for advocacy and policy priorities.

September saw a couple of elected officials visit and tour our offices. On September 2nd, US Congressman Jody Hice stopped by our Greensboro office, and Representative Rick Williams visited our Milledgeville office on September 23rd. Our executive team was able to talk to them both about current issues, policies, and the importance of having health centers in communities. We are so grateful for their support on the federal and state levels.

### VISIT OUR WEBSITE



#### PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT JOINS OVH

We welcome **Dan Cadwallader, PA-C** to our practice! Dan is a graduate of Alderson-Broaddus College with a degree in Medical Science. Before coming to Oconee Valley Healthcare, he spent 13 years working in pediatrics in Tucson, Arizona. His field interest is pediatrics. Dan sees patients at the Milledgeville office.

#### NEW PROGRAM FOR PATIENTS

In September, we welcomed Emily Rollin, RN to the team as our Chronic Care Management Coordinator. The chronic care management program is available to patients who live with two or more chronic conditions. This new program delivers coordinated care that will improve their health, increase satisfaction with their care, and make care more person-centered.



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SICK CLINIC UPDATES



Our Sick Clinic is still open and seeing patients with acute symptoms or COVID-19 signs/symptoms. We have the ability to test patients for COVID-19 as well as treat other common illnesses and problems. Our current hours are listed below.

Monday: 8 am - 5 pm  
Tuesday: Closed  
Wednesday: 1 pm - 5 pm  
Thursday: 8 am - 4 pm  
Friday: 8 am - 5 pm

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

- Important Dates
- October 12 - 16: The Power of ONE is a no-cost mammogram program for eligible women. The no-cost mammograms will be scheduled during these dates.
  - October 16: Oconee Valley Healthcare and St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital encourage everyone to wear pink on Friday, October 16 to show their support of breast cancer awareness



ADVOCACY EFFORTS



Our advocacy efforts are full-blown right now! The community health center long term funding legislation expired on September 30th. The House of Representatives passed a Continuing Resolution to fund the government and health extenders through December 11th, but all health centers are still in need of the long term funding to care for our patients.

Take action for our health center!

Oconee Valley Healthcare employees have been signing up as health center advocates and working hard to let Congress know that we care about our patients and our funding! We will be applying to be a Silver Level Advocacy Center of Excellence this year. An Advocacy Center of Excellence completes certain advocacy measures such as hosting elected officials, responding to Calls-to-Action, and participating in National Health Center Week activities.



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?

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