

COVID-19 Update



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Respiratory Screening Clinic to Begin Serving Beardstown

BEARDSTOWN – A drive-up outpatient respiratory screening clinic to test people for the COVID-19 virus will open Wednesday (April 22) at Elmer Hugh Taylor Clinic, 100 W. 15th St., Beardstown.

The Respiratory Clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

The clinic is a joint initiative involving Memorial Health System, Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital, and the Cass County Health Department. The clinic is open to anyone with a respiratory problem that could be COVID-19.

“This respiratory clinic will help us protect and serve the residents of Beardstown and its surrounding communities,” John Kessler, CEO of Sarah D. Culbertson Memorial Hospital, said.

People coming to the respiratory clinic should call the hotline before they arrive at 217-322-5218. The clinic’s services will be open to anyone regardless of their ability to pay and translation services will be available for individuals who need it.

Healthcare providers will be stationed outside the clinic inside the white tents to screen patients and determine the appropriate level of care. The respiratory clinic will provide COVID-19 testing for those patients who meet the guidelines set by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

“This community partnership is a great example of healthcare coming together to ensure the safety of the community,” said Jay Roszart, president of the Memorial Health System Ambulatory Group.

If a patient arrives who has not set up an appointment through the hotline, they will be directed to a designated parking space, where signage will direct them to call to register by phone. The respiratory care screening clinic may also provide in-clinic assessments and additional testing as necessary after a telephone visit with the care provider.