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Legacy Community Health Clinics Remain Open during Stay Home-Work Safe Order

COVID-19 Testing, Walk-In Appointments Continue

HOUSTON, BEAUMONT (March 24, 2020) – In response to the shelter-in-place instituted by local government officials, [Legacy Community Health](http://www.legacycommunityhealth.org) clinics' healthcare services remain available to the community. Testing for COVID-19 in separate satellite clinics will also continue, with their hours reflecting those of the brick-and-mortar building adjacent to them. Telemedicine for psychiatry and therapy patients has begun, and select adult, pediatrics and OB/GYN appointments are expected to roll out later this week. Clinic staff remain vigilant in helping to ensure the cleanliness and safety of clinics.

“As a federally qualified health center, Legacy’s mission is to address unmet needs and gaps in health-related services for the communities in which we serve. During a pandemic such as this one, people need quality health care more than ever,” said Katy Caldwell, CEO, Legacy Community Health.

Legacy continues to offer adult and pediatric primary care and sick visits, HIV/AIDS care, OB/GYN and maternity, vaccination, immunization, vision, free HIV and pregnancy testing, and telehealth visits for behavioral health and some adult primary care services. Any changes in clinic hours or closures will be posted on www.legacycommunityhealth.org.

Legacy will provide a COVID-19 test ONLY those who screen positive. With the recent change in criteria, that means:

- An individual who is experiencing symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other respiratory conditions

AND either:

- Is over the age of 65, or
- Has a chronic medical condition or those who are immunocompromised.

Chronic medical conditions or those who are immunocompromised can include pregnancy, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, or a transplant recipient.

COVID-19 testing is available at Legacy’s four satellite clinics that are physically separated from the main clinics. As of Monday evening, a total of 884 patients across all four sites had been tested since the first sites opened on Monday, March 16.

The satellite clinics are currently adjacent to Legacy's four largest clinics at the following locations:

HOUSTON

- Legacy Fifth Ward, 3811 Lyons Ave.
- Legacy Montrose, 1415 California St.
- Legacy Southwest, 6441 High Star Dr.

BEAUMONT

- Legacy Central Beaumont, 450 North 11th St.

Hours for these clinics will be listed on the Legacy website www.legacycommunityhealth.org and are subject to change, if necessary. Legacy continues to have screeners at the entrance of all clinics across Houston, Baytown, Deer Park, and Beaumont.

Legacy is working to help people understand ways to stem the spread of this virus through educational information [online](#), on [social media](#), over the phone and in-person. It is not necessary to call our contact center ahead of coming to any of our clinics to be screened for COVID-19.

Anyone, patient or not, who has questions about testing for COVID-19 can call the Legacy contact center in Houston at (832) 548-5000 or in Beaumont at (409) 242-2525.

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About Legacy Community Health

Legacy Community Health (Legacy) is a full-service network of community medical clinics offering primary and specialty care to in the Texas Gulf Coast region. Services include adult primary care, pediatrics, dental care, vision services, behavioral health services, OB/GYN and maternity, vaccinations and immunizations, health promotion and community outreach, wellness and nutrition, and comprehensive HIV/AIDS care. With 36 locations across Houston, Baytown, Deer Park, and Beaumont, Legacy is the largest Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in Texas. Legacy has been a United Way-affiliated agency since 1990. To learn more, visit www.legacycommunityhealth.org.