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The following are COVID-19 testing and related policy updates for Ferry County Health:

- Pre-op/procedure testing will be done in the hospital lab (check in at the front desk)
- All other COVID-19 testing is currently being done in the trailer (including testing for travel)
- The COVID-19 Testing Trailer is located down in front of the clinic and is now open M-F 8-4pm
- Pull up at designated spots in front of trailer door (remain in your vehicle until given instructions by staff)
- Open all windows and turn off fan when testing personnel are at your window(s)
- All after hours and weekend testing requires an emergency department visit (please call 775-3333 option 1 for more details)

Please be aware that upon visiting our facility you will be screened (a few questions and a temperature) and asked to mask before entering our facility. This is for the safety of our patients, staff, and especially the vulnerable residents who make our facility their home. We will not tolerate aggressive or abusive behavior towards our staff or other patients. This is a State mandate which our employees are required to enforce, they do not deserve to be an outlet for frustration over this issue. We appreciate your help with this! Again, we are committed to your safety and the safety of our staff. This policy is not intended to make anyone uncomfortable. We are confident the use of masking, along with good hygiene, does help to curb the spread of virus such as COVID-19 (the practice has been common place in our facility for longer than can be remembered during flu season, etc.).

If you have a valid medical reason for being unable to wear a mask please call our facility **before your visit** to work out reasonable accommodations (Emergency Department is excluded – please do not delay emergency care). **Our providers will not provide exemption letters from masking for any purposes.**

Please note that for the safety of our Klondike Hills residents, Long Term Care residents, and staff visitors to Klondike Hills, our Hospital, and Long Term Care unit will continue to be limited (call ahead with questions). **As much as possible** when visiting our Emergency Department, clinic and rehab department we ask only the person seeking treatment visit.

Respectfully,

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