Ruby Valley Medical Center – COVID 19 (Coronavirus) Information

Ruby Valley Medical Center currently has protocols in place to deal with any contagious respiratory diseases, including the coronavirus.

The Infection Control Team would like to inform the public of the following:

1. If you feel you may have been exposed to the coronavirus DO NOT COME directly to the hospital or clinic. Please call one of the following numbers to undergo a screening process:
   a. Ruby Valley Medical Center (406) 842-5453
   b. Twin Bridges Clinic (406) 684-5546
   c. Public Health (406) 683-4295

2. The following questions will be asked:
   a. In the last 14 days, have you traveled to an area that has been identified as having the coronavirus?
   b. Have you had prolonged, direct contact with a CONFIRMED COVID 19 positive patient?
   c. Have you had a fever of greater than 100.0 °F within the last 72 hours?
   d. Do you have a new cough and/or shortness of breath and/or body aches?

3. If we feel you should be tested for coronavirus, we will give you instructions on how that will be accomplished. All testing requires an order from a healthcare provider.

4. Please keep in mind that the majority of people who are infected with COVID-19 will most likely not need hospitalization. They will need isolation and supportive treatment such as increased fluid intake, rest and medications to control the virus.

5. Reasons to come directly to the hospital include:
   a. Uncontrolled fevers
   b. Shortness of breath
   c. Severe dehydration
   d. Other complicating diseases such as COPD, emphysema, and/or any other respiratory disorders.

6. If you are able, please call ahead to 406-842-5453 (after hours, dial extension 3207), and alert our staff so we may take proper precautions for your safety, ours and that of our current patients within our facility.

7. Protect Yourself By:
   a. WASH YOUR HANDS – for at least 20 seconds.
   b. Avoid touching your face
   c. Keep a respectable social distance from other individuals, which is recommended to be approximately six feet.
   d. Get plenty of sleep and support your immune system.