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## **HOLDREGE CLINICS UNITE TO PROVIDE CARE TO PATIENTS WITH TELEHEALTH SERVICES AND NEW ACUTE CARE CLINIC**

**Holdrege, NE, April 1, 2020** – [Family Medical Specialties](#) and [Phelps Medical Group](#) of Holdrege, NE alongside [Phelps Memorial Health Center](#) and [ruralMED Management Resources](#) have been working together to implement changes to best serve our community and meet their medical needs and increase patient safety.

To prepare for a surge of patients with symptoms related to COVID-19, commonly known as the coronavirus, new services have been added to the clinics including an Acute Care Clinic at [Family Medical Specialties](#) and telehealth services at both [Family Medical Specialties](#) and [Phelps Medical Group](#). [Mark Harrel](#), CEO of [Phelps Memorial](#) stated, “being able to come together as a medical community has allowed for us to develop and implement creative changes to prepare for the potential surge of COVID-19 patients and provide our communities with quality care.”

The Acute Care Clinic opened its doors on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> to serve patients who are infectious or possibly infectious. This separate location provides distance and separation to increase the safety for all patients and staff. The new Acute Care Clinic is located at the Phelps Medical Plaza at 516 W 14<sup>th</sup> Ave, Holdrege, NE in suites 300 and 400. [Phelps Memorial](#) has temporarily relocated their oncology and infusion clinic and orthopedic and spine clinic to the hospital.

Telehealth virtual visit services are also now available at both [Phelps Medical Group](#) and [Family Medical Specialties](#). This platform allows patients to visit with their local provider over

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their phone, tablet, computer or other electronic devices similar to a video call. This allows both clinics to provide services such as chronic care, medication refills and sick visits while keeping the patient safe at home.

Dr. Jeff Berney, Physician at [Family Medical Specialties](#) explains, “a fear of mine is that a patient will wait too long to receive their care due to the threat of catching a strain of the coronavirus. The opening of the Acute Care Clinic and the addition of the Telehealth services allows our patients to feel safe to receive their regularly scheduled care, and allows us to care for those who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms in an area that avoids the risk of exposure to our other patients.”

In order to provide regular scheduled well care visits, child immunizations, follow-up appointments, etc. both [Phelps Medical Group](#) and [Family Medical Specialties](#) main clinics are utilizing their offices for “well” based services, and are referring all infectious or potentially infectious patients to the new Acute Care Clinic or a telehealth visit.

To schedule an appointment at the new Acute Care Clinic, a telehealth visit, or a regular scheduled healthcare appointment, you can call either clinic, and they will take care of your medical needs.

**About Family Medical Specialties:**

Family Medical Specialties is a professional medical corporation originally established in Holdrege, Nebraska, in 1926 and serves southwest and south-central Nebraska and northern Kansas. The Family Medical Specialties medical staff focuses on family medicine and includes six physicians, two certified physician assistants, RNs, LPNs, medical technicians, radiology technicians and a variety of laboratory and support staff. Learn more about Family Medical Specialties on their website: [www.fammedspec.com](http://www.fammedspec.com).

**About Phelps Medical Group:**

Phelps Medical Group is a certified rural health clinic, owned and operated by Phelps Memorial Health Center in Holdrege, Nebraska. Our services include family medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, podiatry, osteopathic manipulation, diabetes management, chronic care management, endocrinology, men’s health, women’s health, and pediatrics. Learn more about Phelps Medical Group at [www.PhelpsMedicalGroup.net](http://www.PhelpsMedicalGroup.net).

**About Phelps Memorial Health Center:**

Phelps Memorial Health Center is a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital located in Holdrege, Nebraska. With the vision and generosity of our community, we opened the doors for patients and visitors in 1968. We have since grown to employ nearly 300 teammates and provide over 100 healthcare services. For additional questions, or to schedule an appointment, call us at (308) 995-2211, or visit our website at [www.PhelpsMemorial.com](http://www.PhelpsMemorial.com).

**About ruralMED Management Resources:**

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