



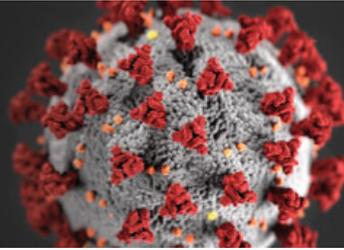
Good Samaritan

HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER

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March 2020 Newsletter

COVID-19



It is impossible to watch the news, radio, or even turn on our phones without hearing about the novel corona virus, COVID-19. We want to assure everyone that Good Samaritan is monitoring the situation very closely and we are preparing to the best of our ability. We have new and additional practices in place to protect our staff and patients such as:

- waiting areas will be sanitized twice daily
- exam rooms will be deeply sanitized after every patient
- all providers will be wearing masks and needed PPE (Personal protection Equipment)
- temporary Plexiglass windows have been placed at all reception areas and the pharmacy counter
- signs are posted at the entrance to encourage patients to take advantage of the hygiene center before entering the waiting area
- Staff and Volunteers who are immune compromised or at a higher risk are asked to stay home
- Patients are being screened over the phone before being scheduled
- Patients who are symptomatic are being asked to stay in their cars and providers will test them in the parking lot.
- Patients that have previously scheduled wellness visits and non-urgent follow-ups are being contacted to reschedule.

We are currently in the process of implementing Telehealth. This should be rolled out to the providers by the end of this week and will allow patients access to televisits with their providers via web portal or their smart phones from the comfort and safety of their home.

Testing supplies are limited. If you have traveled to a highly infected area or have been in close contact with someone who has, or experienced flu like symptoms in the last 14 days, please consult with your provider or one of our providers by phone for treatment recommendations.

Thank you all for your continued support during this time.

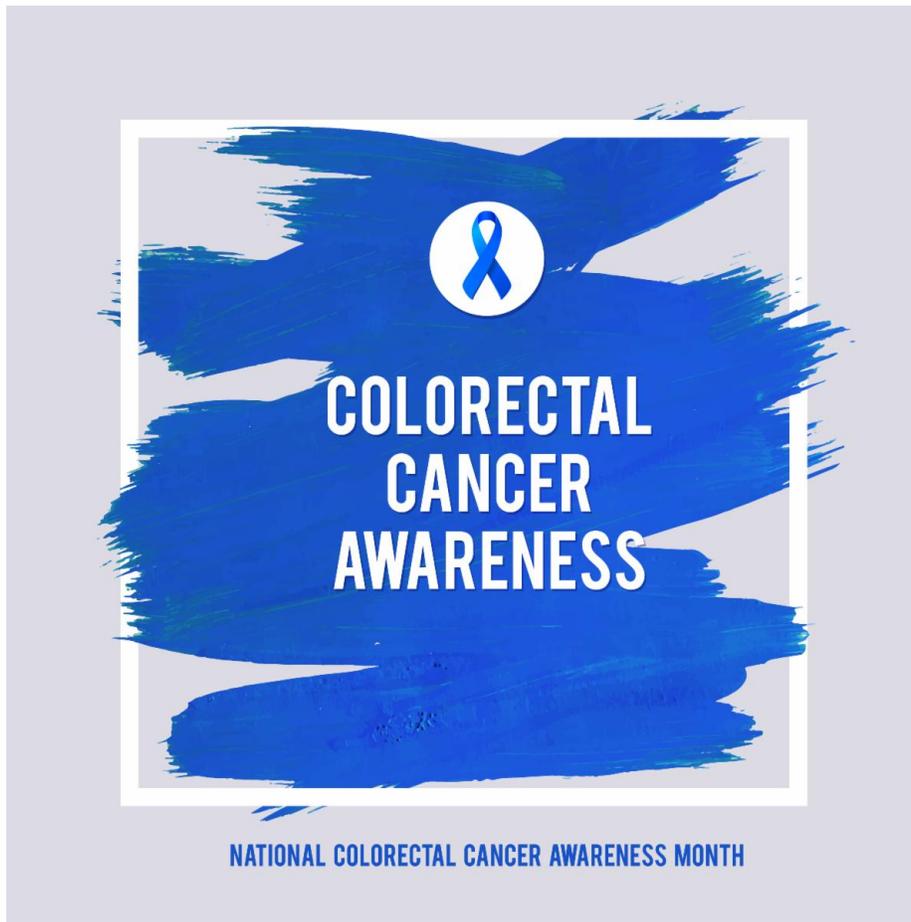
This is a link to FAQ's for healthcare providers from the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/faq.html> and a map from DPH with GA cases by county: <https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report> .

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. The American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 147,950 new cases of Colorectal Cancer this year. Colorectal cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death in men and women combined in the United States. It can form from precancerous polyps (abnormal growths) in the colon or rectum and is almost always preventable through screening tests. These screening tests can find the polyps, so they can be removed before they turn into cancer.

The American Cancer Society says that everyone over the age of 45 should be screened for Colorectal Cancer. Speak to your healthcare professional about your individual risk factors such as your ethnicity, family history, and lifestyle, to see if you should be tested before age 45. If you are experiencing symptoms such as pain, blood or other irregularities, talk to your doctor immediately, regardless of your age or family history.

For more information or to contact one of our providers about being screened please call 706-253-4673.



jumpstart



Congratulations JumpStart Cycle 5 Graduates!



JumpStart Cycle 5 is complete! We have had a wonderful 8 weeks of education, nutrition, and exercise classes. 24 participants completed six out of eight sessions and received a Certificate and a \$50 Kroger gift card. We are so thankful for all of our participants and volunteers that make JumpStart possible.



Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, we are postponing our Cycle 6 of JumpStart until further notice. We will announce and contact all those that signed up with the new beginning date. Thank you all for your understanding at this time.

Golf Tournament Postponed

The Good Samaritan Ed Delaney Golf Tournament that was to be held on April 29, 2020 will be postponed until further notice. If you have any questions please email development@goodsamhwc.org.

See below for additional postponed events.



Upcoming Events

Postponed until further notice - Addiction Support Group meetings

Postponed until further notice: - Pickens County Elementary Schools Dental Screening

Postponed until further notice: JumpStart Cycle 6

Postponed until further notice: Ed Delaney Memorial Golf Tournament at the Big Canoe Golf Tournament

September 26th- Annual Hoedown Fundraiser



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