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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN ESCAMBIA COUNTY STILL PROVIDING SERVICES

*Family Planning, Immunizations, STD Testing, WIC, and Clinic
Services Available by Appointment*



Contact:

Media Desk: 850-595-6500 x6000

Pensacola, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (FDOH-Escambia) is limiting public access to the Fairfield facility as a method of protecting the health of our clients and staff. Services are still being offered at this time, and clients should call for appointments or potential telehealth options **before** coming into the facility located at 1295 West Fairfield, in Pensacola. Temporarily, the public entrances to the Fairfield facility will open at 7:30 a.m. on weekdays. Only persons with appointments (or receiving a service), or a parent or guardian accompanying a minor child who is receiving a service will be allowed to enter the building.

- To make a clinic appointment, call 850-595-6554.
 - Clinic appointments include: Family Planning, Immunizations, STD Testing, or Adult or Child Health Clinic (primary care).
- For WIC services, call 850-595-6670.
- For birth or death records, call 850-595-6500, option 3.
- For assistance with the steps outlined above, call the FDOH-Escambia Coronavirus information line at 850-595-6500, option 6.

Protect Against Spreading COVID-19

Everyone can do their part to help keep COVID-19 from spreading. Follow these steps in all situations, even when you feel perfectly healthy:

- Avoid close contact with others, such as hugging, kissing, or shaking hands;
- Avoid large gatherings (more than 10 people) and stay at least six (6) feet away from others;
- Avoid unnecessary travel, especially international travel and cruise travel;
- Avoid being around anyone who is sick or who may have a weak immune system;
- Move away from people before coughing or sneezing;
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue then throw it away;
- Wash your hands often, especially after coughing, sneezing, or blowing your nose;
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as toys and doorknobs.

If you are mildly ill, follow these tips to help prevent spreading it to other people:

- Do not go to the emergency department if you are only a little sick. The emergency department should be used for people who are very sick. You should not go to the emergency room if you are only mildly ill. The CDC has guidance on what to do if you are sick from a mild viral illness: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/treatment/takingcare.htm> and <https://www.cdc.gov/features/rhinoviruses/index.html>

- Stay at home while you are sick and keep children out of school or daycare while they are sick.
- If you need to see a doctor, call, do not visit, your health care provider and tell them about your symptoms and your travel history or exposure to a COVID-19 patient. If you do not have a health care provider or health insurance, call, do not visit, Community Health Northwest Florida at 850-436-4630 or other community walk-in care locations, and tell them about your symptoms and your travel history or exposure to a COVID-19 patient. They will determine if you meet the criteria for testing.

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