



Northern Arizona Healthcare

## News Release

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### **Northern Arizona Healthcare to set up COVID-19 collection site in Cottonwood – Thursday, March 26**

Protecting colleagues, patients and community members is Northern Arizona Healthcare’s top priority during this time. To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we will be standing up a collection site at Verde Valley Medical Center beginning Thursday, March 26, to collect specimens that will be sent away to labs authorized to perform testing.

Patients need a written order from a physician or provider for a sample to be collected. They can receive this by calling their primary care provider’s office. Only those with symptoms consistent with the screening criteria will have a sample collected. Only one person per vehicle will be swabbed.

The site will be open 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and is subject to opening or closing based on the availability of supplies to collect the samples. Plans for setting up a collection site have been underway since last week, pending the availability of enough supplies to operate it. Recent shipments make it possible for the site to open. Continued operation depends upon supplies being available.

“The number of kits to collect samples from patients is limited, and we are making sure to keep a supply for the critically ill who may need hospitalization, before we collect samples from those with less serious symptoms,” said Ron Haase, Northern Arizona Healthcare Chief Administrative Officer for the Verde Valley. “Availability of supplies and best practice recommendations from the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) are changing daily and our team is working together across Northern Arizona to move quickly in our charge to care for our communities.”

Patients will be notified by phone call as to their results, once received by Northern Arizona Healthcare from the testing facility.

If you have any questions, please call the COVID-19 Public Hotline at 1-833-708-0894.

It’s a New Era at NAH shaped by a rapidly changing industry driven by experience, quality and the cost of care. In the New Era, NAH is committed to creating an amazing experience for our partners – the colleagues, physicians, providers, patients and other organizations who collaborate to support the health and wellness of our families, friends and neighbors.

NAH is improving health, healing people by providing always better care to every person, every time across the healthcare continuum through services at Flagstaff Medical Center, Verde Valley Medical Center, Verde Valley Medical Center – Sedona Campus, Northern Arizona Healthcare – Camp Verde Campus, Northern Arizona Healthcare – Village of Oak Creek, Northern Arizona Healthcare Medical Group – Flagstaff, Verde Valley Medical Clinic, the Cancer Centers of Northern Arizona Healthcare, Northern Arizona Healthcare Orthopedic Surgery Center, EntireCare Rehab & Sports Medicine, Weight Management Clinic, the Heart & Vascular Center of Northern Arizona, Guardian Air and Guardian Medical Transport. We also provide comprehensive imaging, laboratory and pharmacy services throughout the region. Many of the services we provide, including The Taylor House and Valley View Care, receive major funding through the Northern Arizona Healthcare Foundation.

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