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UINTAH BASIN HEALTHCARE

PRESS RELEASE

UBMC Announces First Hospitalized COVID-19 Patient in the Uintah Basin

April 15, 2020: Today we received word of the first reported COVID-19 positive hospitalized case in the Uintah Basin. We believe in being transparent and want to report that the case is an inpatient here at Uintah Basin Medical Center. We have been able to successfully treat the patient and plan to discharge the patient to their home today. We wish them a quick recovery and thank them for trusting us with their care.

What are some ways we protect our inpatients and staff?

In our inpatient areas, we created and implemented a dedicated clean area for inpatients without COVID-19 symptoms, and a dedicated negative pressure area for inpatients with suspected/confirmed COVID-19.

Each employee is provided the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) according to their job role and duties to help protect them from possible exposure and infection. Employees were all provided with mandatory training specific to current situations.

With our first confirmed COVID-19 hospitalized patient announced today, April 15, 2020, we were comforted by the extra measures we had taken to be prepared to successfully protect our staff and patients to avoid exposure.

We have and will continue to take precautionary measures to ensure that our facility is a safe environment in order to continue to provide quality care to our patients.

[View our full Q&A](#) that will answer many questions. We will do everything we possibly can to keep our community safe. Stay healthy, stay home. To stay informed during COVID-19, visit our website at www.ubh.org/covid-19-information.

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