

Sheridan Community Hospital increases local services

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At times, medical care cannot wait. Sheridan Community Hospital focuses on satisfying community needs by increasing local healthcare services at the hospital.

The hospital serves Montcalm County and the surrounding communities by providing 24 hours a day, seven days a week access to care in departments such as the emergency department, walk-in clinic, diagnostic imaging and laboratory.

The Emergency Department is staffed and equipped to provide emergency care with a physician on duty at all times. All professional emergency department staff members are ACLS and PALS certified with advanced training in trauma care. Emergency radio communications are established with Montcalm County Ambulance and EMS personnel, as well as available arrangements for emergency transport by helicopter to other medical facilities for tertiary care. Ancillary service support, such as laboratory services, CT scanning and x-rays, are available at all times.

Although many people think that the emergency room is their only option because it is open 24 hours, the Walk-In Clinic offers a more affordable and convenient option for patients who need immediate care for non-life-threatening conditions. Along with being open all hours, the Walk-In Clinic accepts most insurance providers, including Medicaid and Medicare.

The Diagnostic Imaging Department provides diagnostic radiographic examinations, as well as high-resolution real-time ultrasound examinations, digital mammograms, CT scanning (80-Slice), and bone density testing. The department is staffed with qualified technologists with a board-certified radiologist on-site five days a week, for coverage 24 hours, seven days a week through the department's teleradiology service.

The Laboratory is a fully accredited facility that provides the highest quality of testing available. The laboratory accepts outpatient draws at all hours with the intention of serving the hospital's client base at their convenience. All laboratory testing is conducted by medical technologists/technicians fully degreed in the art of clinical sample analysis. The laboratory capabilities include testing in the areas of general chemistry, immunochemistry, urinalysis, hematology, hemostasis, and blood banking.

For coronavirus concerns, Sheridan Community Hospital offers COVID-19 testing, available 24 hours, seven days a week, through a drive-thru set up at the Emergency Department entrance. An outpatient order from a doctor is required. Individuals should contact their primary care provider to determine if testing is necessary or indicated and to obtain an order. If individuals are symptomatic, they can be evaluated at the SCH Walk-In Clinic/Emergency Department at any time and screening can be ordered at that time. This can also be used for travel requirements.

Sheridan Community Hospital is essential in taking care of its community and the surrounding areas. The hospital urges the community to stay safe and healthy by continuing to follow preventive measures of washing your hands, wearing a mask over your nose and mouth while out in public, and social distancing. We are all in this together and we will get through this.