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## **Community Clinic Continues to Serve**

**Vista Community Clinic (VCC)** – has been a part of community health since 1972, and they don't plan on stopping anytime soon. The healthcare center is keeping its doors open and continuing to provide care to patients for a variety of reasons, including COVID-19.

To help people stay at home while still providing access to care, VCC has introduced "Telehealth," a service that keeps patients and clinicians connected virtually. A Telehealth visit takes the place of the standard in-clinic visit, and is completed over the phone and/or with the help of zoom. Though not all ailments will be eligible for this type of visit, this form of care helps to protect the patient and those around him or her. Keeping patients at home as much as possible helps stop the spread of the virus and flatten the curve, something VCC is trying hard to do right now.

The clinic is still available to patients who need to be seen in person as well; patients will just need to call first and a medical professional will determine whether or not Telehealth is best. For those who still have to come in, the clinic is well prepared for them. Hand washing stations and tents for triage have been set up at every clinic's entrance, and patients are given protective masks when needed. VCC is doing all that they can to ensure patients are practicing social distancing and proper hygiene while still being able to keep in contact with the people that provide them care and access to life saving medications.

As a special note, to pool resources and give the most efficient care, three of VCC's eight locations have stopped seeing patients in person – VCC: Durian Pediatrics, VCC: North River, and VCC: Horne. However, those doctors and nurses are still able to keep in touch with their patients through Telehealth. You can find location hours and updates at <a href="https://www.vcc.org">www.vcc.org</a>. The clinic's main line, 844-308-5003, can be called or texted.

Follow them on Facebook, Instagram (@vistacommunityclinic), or Twitter (@vcchealthcare).

# About VCC:

With eight state-of-the-art locations in North San Diego, Orange and Riverside Counties, VCC provides affordable, high quality health care to more than 69,000 community residents. Services offered by VCC include primary care, pediatrics, prenatal and women's health, optometry, chiropractic care, dental health, podiatry, acupuncture and behavioral health services. VCC also offers a wide array of community health education programs which are free and open to all community residents. VCC is recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) as a Level 3 (highest) Patient-Centered Medical Home, and is the recipient of the HRSA National Quality Leader Seal for exceeding national clinical quality benchmarks. For more information call 760.631.5000 or visit <a href="https://www.vcc.org">www.vcc.org</a>.

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