

## U.S. Army Health Clinic Stuttgart Community Update March 11, 2021

**Acute Respiratory Clinic:** Beginning March 15, 2021, the Acute Respiratory Clinic (ARC) will be open with same day appointment access for Stuttgart military community Department of Defense ID card holders with respiratory symptoms triaged by a nurse in the COVID-19 drive-thru. Symptomatic personnel will be screened and tested for COVID-19, and if indicated, will be triaged by the registered nurse in the COVID-19 drive-thru, then given a same day appointment to see the ARC provider.

Those with acute non-respiratory medical needs, in isolation (known COVID-19 positive), or quarantine (personnel in travel quarantine, close contact of COVID-19), in need of acute care that does not require an emergency room visit such as a sprained ankle, rash, or urinary symptoms, may be evaluated at the ARC. These patients should call the appointment line at 06371-9464-2900 and ask for a registered nurse (RN) telephone triage for a same day appointment with the ARC provider if indicated.

The ARC is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., with the exception of the first and third Thursday of each month from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and U.S. Federal Holidays. Walk-in without RN triage is not authorized.

**Acute Non-respiratory Clinic:** Beginning March 15, 2021, the Acute Non-Respiratory Clinic will be open with same day appointment access for TRICARE enrolled Active Duty Service Members, Active Duty Family Members, TRICARE Plus enrolled retirees and enrolled TRICARE Plus retiree family members with acute NON-respiratory medical needs who need to be seen same day and are NOT in isolation or quarantine. These patients will be triaged via telephone triage by a clinic registered nurse and given a same day appointment with the Acute Non-respiratory clinic provider if indicated. To access the telephone triage, please call 06371-9464-2900 and ask for a telephone RN triage for an acute care appointment. A nurse will contact you as soon as possible.

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**Influenza Vaccination:** We have a large number of Influenza vaccination doses available. Community members of all ages can obtain their 2021 influenza vaccine on a walk-in basis at the Patch Clinic, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. without a clinic appointment. You can also request the influenza vaccine during a scheduled Primary care clinic appointment.

Clinic Closure for staff training: All clinic services and the COVID-19 testing/screening drive-through will be closed on the first and third Thursday of each month from 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. for the remainder of the 2021 year. The time will allow the clinic staff to remain updated and competent in skills for clinical proficiency.

**SARS-COV-2 Moderna Vaccination High Risk Medical Screening forms:** All high risk medical screening forms received by March 5, 2021 have been reviewed and processed. Please access your high risk medical screening form via the USAG Stuttgart Citizen app and return your form in person to the Patient Administration section at the Patch Clinic. We are still vaccinating our Tier 1A and Tier 1B populations in the Stuttgart military community. Most community members fall into the Tier 1C or Tier 2 categories. We anticipate vaccinating personnel in these categories not until late spring to late summer. **Please do not call the clinic.** We will contact you by telephone once we receive vaccine for your priority

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group and are ready to vaccinate you. We do not currently have any other SARS-COV-2 vaccine other than the Moderna vaccine.

**Behavioral Health Summit:** The 2021 Behavioral Health Summit, formerly the Suicide Symposium, will be held April 19, 2021 from 2 p.m. to the close of business via Microsoft Teams. The summit will bring together former and current behavioral health patients of diverse ranks and branches to discuss their experiences of initiating care, behavioral health care's impact on their lives/careers, and COVID-19's impact on their mental health. All are welcome to attend this virtual summit and service members are highly encouraged to attend. Formal invitations are currently being developed.

**Exceptional Family Member Screening program:** Due to staffing shortage our EFMP office will offer limited walk-in services Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., with the exception of Federal Holidays.