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A Newsletter for the Priority Health Care Community - Fourth Quarter 2020

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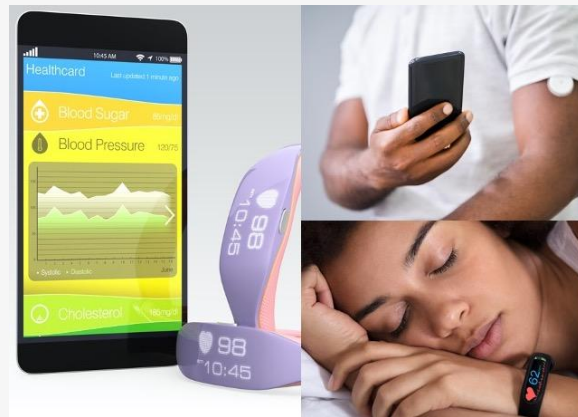
[World AIDS Day](#)

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"A Brave New World"

*Taking Charge of Your Health
in the Age of Technology and COVID-19*



In 1932, when Aldous Huxley wrote "Brave New World," a futuristic dystopian novel set in the year 2540, he imagined the world similar to the one we live in today with all its technology and scientific advances. Instead of babies produced on an assembly line we have in vitro fertilization, an increasing wealth gap between the rich and the poor, the rise of authoritarian figures, and drugs for every pain, and more.

Even in the area of health care, we have technology that allows patients to monitor their glucose levels, heart rate, blood pressure and general wellness checks using a smart phone or wrist watch. Doctors' visits can also be done via Telehealth using a smart phone, desktop computer or tablet.

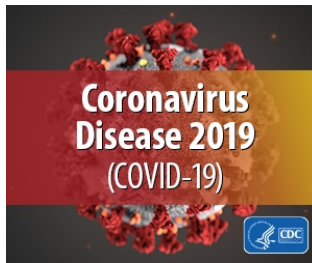
Regardless of the similarity between Huxley's *Brave New World* and present-day, he did not imagine the current coronavirus pandemic and the toll it would have not only on the world but our everyday lives.

While we do well to take advantage of the new devices available to us in this age of technology, it is important that we take time to focus on how we take care of ourselves in simple ways. That means caring for your mind, body, soul, and environment or surroundings. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (afsp.org) offers [Self-Care Strategies During Uncertain Times](#).

Take care of yourself, be safe and don't forget to get your seasonal flu shot!



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Housing assistance for homeless now available

Priority Health Care recently added services that provide assistance to homeless individuals in securing housing for the residents of Jefferson and Orleans Parishes.



The services were implemented as a result of PHC's partnership with UNITY of Greater New Orleans, a nonprofit agency that has been working collaboratively with other organizations since 2007 to end homelessness.

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PHC Recognized as Health Center Leader

Kudos to the PHC Staff for their role in helping create quality health care services garnering national recognition by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for its overall clinical performance among all health centers nationwide. PHC was recently recognized as a Health Center Quality Leader at the Silver Level, meaning it ranks within the top 20% of quality health centers receiving the award. ([Click here to see full release](#))

Congratulations again to the staff of Priority Health Care!



PHC Welcomes Pediatrician Dr. Eilan Levkowitz

Priority Health Care is pleased to announce that Eilan Levkowitz, DO, has joined our medical staff in the pediatric clinic.

A native of Destrehan, La., Dr. Levkowitz earned a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences in Kansas City Missouri. He completed his residency at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and trained at Children's Hospital of

New Orleans(CHNOLA), including the Pediatric Emergency Room at CHNOLA and West Jefferson Medical Center.

Levkowitz also studied global health delivery through Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard School of Public Health, working in both Boston as well as at Lao Friends Children's Hospital in Laos, Southeast Asia.

Levkowitz says his global work has served to inform his understanding of health care delivery to underserved populations and marginalized communities. "While my public and global health training pushes me to think globally, I am committed to my New Orleans community and to providing compassionate, comprehensive, culturally competent, patient-centered care to your babies, teens, and young adults," he added.

PHC recently launched a new website that is designed to provide user-friendly functionality to the site on multiple platforms. In other words, the website easily conforms to fit screens on various devices including smart phones and tablets as well as desktop computers.

Patients will continue to be able to request appointments, input their information, and request prescription refills by accessing the website. Here's the link to the [patient information and forms](#).

We hope patients, employees, and other stakeholders will enjoy the ease of use and attractiveness of the new website.



We're going the extra mile to keep you safe

Our environmental staff is going the extra mile by disinfecting commonly touched surfaces on a more rigorous schedule than usual to ensure the safety of employees and patients. In addition to our daily sanitizing work, we have contracted with Cintas Facility Services for monthly deep cleaning of all bathrooms including public bathrooms in our buildings. We've added more hand sanitizer machines in clinics in and office spaces as well.

In addition, we continue to take safety measures to protect our staff and patients by wearing masks, providing hand sanitizer, practicing physical distancing and offering virtual visits to patients. We also post updated information on our [website](#), social media, and in our Marrero and Gretna clinics. We are updating our actions as the coronavirus situation changes based on recommendations from [the Centers for Disease Control](#), and the [Louisiana Department of Health](#) as well as the [City of New Orleans](#).