# Living Healthy



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

## Upcoming Events and Awareness

See what's happening...

#### **April**

April 7 World Health Day

April 12 National Youth HIV Awareness Day

April 7-14 Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week

April 24 Administrative Professionals Day

### May Awareness Month for:

National Arthritis

Asthma and Food Allergy

Lupus Awareness

Mental Health

Stroke

May 6 National Nurses Day

May 6-12 Nurses Week

May 19 National Hep C Awareness Day

### June

Pride Month

June10-16 National Men's Health Week

June 13-19 National Nursing Assistants Week



Amid this time of required social distancing we are working to ensure you have continued access to quality medical care through our Telehealth service. For your routine visit or if you need to



# Amid the COVID19 Crisis Our Better Angels are Revealed

We are sincerely grateful for the Priority Health Care staff and all medical workers in the city, state, and throughout the country. While those of us in the medical field are always aware of the valuable work medical professionals do on a daily basis, right now, at this moment, their dedication and commitment are being revealed.

In paraphrasing something once said by Martin Luther King, Jr., "the measure of a man or

woman is not where he/she stands in good times, but where they stand in times of crisis." Our medical professionals are on the 'front lines' in a war against a relentless virus with little or no ammunition. However, these brave soldiers are measuring up to the tasks over and over again.

There are not enough words to express our gratitude to this army of angels. Because I believe we are a people of faith, regardless of what you call your God, we will get through this. Our shared humanity is what makes us who we are. I believe that there is more good in the world than evil. It can be seen in small acts of kindness every day. Sometimes that kindness and caring swells up, like it's doing now through the men, women, children, and ordinary people who are reaching out and doing what they can to offer support and uplift our spirits.

Here, at Priority Health Care, we are also beneficiaries of that kindness and care. In particularly, the recent outpouring of generosity from Lauren and Jrue Holiday. Together, they have committed to providing lunch every Wednesday for our staff in Marrero and Gretna amid the coronavirus, COVID19 crisis. For that, we are deeply thankful.

As we weather this COVID19 crisis, let us continue to support our health care workers and pray, that in the end, our better angels will prevail.

Sincerely,

Tamara Boutte
Chief Executive Officer



# Update on PHC's Actions during the COVID-19 Crisis

We wanted to share with you what Priority Health Care is doing to protect patients and employees against the novel

coronavirus, COVID-19. In March, we provided patients and employees with facts about COVID-19 as well as ways in which they can help in preventing the virus. Additional measures we implemented included

consult with your health care provider via our Telehealth services go to priorityhealthcare.org to access the Telehealth consent form or call us at 504.309.3262 (Marrero) or 504.509.4800 (Gretna).

temperature checks for all individuals entering our health clinic, and a coronavirus questionnaire. These measures were taken in an effort to keep everyone safe from possible infection or spread.

We have posted information on our <u>website</u> and on our social media sites as well as in our Marrero and Gretna clinics. We are updating our actions as the coronavirus situation changes based on recommendations from <u>the Centers for Disease Control</u>, and the <u>Louisiana Department of Health</u> as well as the <u>City of New Orleans</u>.

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## We offer COVID19 Testing

Priority healthcare wants to remind patients that during the Covid 19 crisis Priority is open to serve the community during our normal business hours. We are also doing Covid 19 testing but you must call for screening to determine if you're eligible. Simply call, 504.309.3262 (Marrero) or 504.509.4800 (Gretna).



## Priority Health Care Welcomes Pediatrician Dr. Mia Weber

"We are excited to have a young, experienced, and passionate pediatrician join our family of providers at Priority Health Care," said Tamara Boutte, CEO. "I couldn't imagine a better provider to help grow the pediatric arm of our organization," Boutte added.

Weber says she's also excited to be at Priority Health Care because she's a 'community pediatrician at heart.' "I appreciate the

ministry of medicine and there's a certain calling in doing this," she said. As a pediatrician, Weber treats a broad spectrum of patients including infants, toddlers, adolescents, and individuals up to age 23.

Weber, who previously served as a pediatrician for Ochsner Westside and as a partner in Westside Clinics AMC, is a graduate of Louisiana State University Health Science Center (LSUHSC) School of Medicine in New Orleans. She graduated cum laude from Xavier University of Louisiana with a Bachelor of Science in Biology.



# Ryanne Clarke, MSN, FNP-C, APRN Named Chief Clinical Officer

Priority Health Care has named Certified Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP-C) Ryanne Clarke Chief Clinical Officer. Clarke, who began her tenure with Priority Health Care in 2015 as a nurse practitioner at the Gretna clinic also served as Nurse Supervisor and Quality Manager. "She has always excelled in her previous roles and I am confident that she brings that same commitment to excellence to her new position," said Tamara Boutte, CEO.

As Chief Clinical Officer, Clarke will provide overall leadership for Priority Health Care's two clinics, pharmacies as well as its behavioral health services. Her responsibilities include providing direction for the clinical organization and identifying innovative strategies and emerging health models to achieve business goals and objectives. Clarke will also work closely with clinic department leads and the Quality Manager to ensure that quality-of-care and performance measures are obtained.

Clarke earned an undergraduate degree at Tulane University in Spanish and Political Science. She completed her medical training at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, Maryland earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN).

#### Thank you to the Holiday and Langdon Families

The staff at Priority Health Care extends its appreciation for the weekly lunches provided by Lauren and Jrue Holiday and the seafood bags provided by the Langdon family. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for their thoughtfulness.



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