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San Ysidro Health Expands to East County in time for COVID-19 Care
Organization providing telehealth services in current and new service areas during COVID-19 pandemic; Need Personal Protection Equipment for in-person visits

SAN DIEGO, CA – San Ysidro Health is committed and continues to provide high quality, compassionate, accessible and affordable health care services for vulnerable families across San Diego County.

Effective April 1, 2020, San Ysidro Health (SYHealth) and Mountain Health have formally merged their operations, creating a system of health care for more than 105,000 individuals in Southern Central and Eastern San Diego County. After functioning under a formal management agreement for 10 months, and completing comprehensive due diligence and assessment, the Boards of Directors of both nonprofit organizations approved the final merger.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the SYHealthLine, 619-205-6792 is available for patients to speak with a health care provider and discuss if they think they have COVID-19 symptoms or were exposed to anyone with symptoms. From there, patients will be directed to the best way to receive care without compromising their health or the health of others. The SYHealthline is available Monday to Friday between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“During these unprecedented times, San Ysidro Health is proud to respond to the medical, dental and behavioral health needs of all in our San Diego region,” said Kevin Mattson, president and CEO, San Ysidro Health. “We thank our patients for trusting us as their provider of care and welcome all Mountain Health patients into our network of care.”

“We are excited to be part of the San Ysidro Health team,” said Judith Shaplin, chief executive officer, Mountain Health. “Both Mountain Health and San Ysidro have similar organizational values and we look forward to offering our patients a wider range of high quality and compassionate services.”

As they meet the needs of their expanded service area, the organization is currently in need of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) to guard doctors, staff, and patients and asking the community for support to maintain clinic operations and purchase needed PPE for all staff on the frontlines.

San Ysidro Health and Mountain Health are both independent, nonprofit federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) committed to providing high quality, compassionate, accessible and affordable health care services for the entire family.

For more information regarding San Ysidro Health, please visit www.syhealth.org and www.syhc.org/covid-19/ or call 619-205-6792.

About San Ysidro Health

[San Ysidro Health](http://www.syhealth.org) is a non-profit organization committed to providing high quality, compassionate, accessible and affordable health care services for the entire family. The organization was founded by seven women in search of medical services for their children. Over fifty years later, San Ysidro Health now provides innovative care to more than 105,000 lives in our care through a vast and integrated network of 41 program sites across San Diego County including: medical clinics, dental clinics, behavioral health centers, HIV centers, WIC nutrition centers, mobile medical units, school-based health centers, chiropractic services, pediatric developmental clinic, teen clinic, senior health center and Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). San Ysidro Health and its program sites are designed under the concept of the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model of care, where the patient, not the support staff or provider, is the focus of all care and services. For additional information please visit San Ysidro Health at www.syhealth.org.

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