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## National Hospital Week Shines a Light on the Importance of Local Healthcare

Reeves County Hospital District honors local providers and staff during the pandemic.

PECOS, Texas (May 10, 2021) – Hospitals in communities like ours have played a critical role throughout the pandemic. By providing essential healthcare services to those who need it most, including those who have fallen ill with Covid-19, hospital teams have worked around the clock to protect their neighbors.

During this year's Hospital Week (May 9-15), Reeves County Hospital District is shining a spotlight on the special role that all of our healthcare providers have played in serving the needs of our area during times of great need.

"Our medical providers and entire healthcare team have worked tirelessly to help those who need care when time matters," said Brenda McKinney, CEO of Reeves County Hospital District. "We are showing our gratitude for their service during the pandemic, and throughout every year."

From risking their health and safety to care for patients who have become ill, to providing COVID-19 vaccines, the medical staff and our team members at RCHD have proved critical to the area.

According to McKinney, an important way that you can show appreciation for our local healthcare workers is by getting a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines are available through RCHD for all adults 18 years and older. The medical team at RCHD and the Pecos Valley Rural Clinic have been vaccinated and are urging everyone in the community to get immunized.

"Getting vaccinated as soon as possible is the best way that we can protect each other and end this deadly pandemic," McKinney said. "You can take comfort knowing that the vaccines approved for use in our community are safe and highly effective. Don't delay getting yours."

Hospitals play a critical role in our health and wellness all year long. In extraordinary times like these, the importance of a robust medical system is more clear than ever.

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National Hospital Week is a nationwide campaign during which hospitals across the nation celebrate healthcare professionals and their services. During the COVID-19 health emergency, Hospital Week is a chance to show appreciation for the critical roles that hospitals and medical teams play in communities across the country.

Reeves County Hospital District, which has operated in Pecos since 1954, offers 24-hour emergency care, a clinical laboratory, imaging services, physical therapy, home health and hospice, dialysis, and a rural health clinic staffed with a variety of medical providers in various specialties. Services offered include family practice, surgical services, obstetrics and gynecology, nephrology, home health, hospice and more.

McKinney noted that hospitals serve as vital lifelines, especially in small communities where driving long distances to larger cities is a burden.

The hospital is looking forward to the opening of a new hospital complex, which will allow RCHD to offer expanded healthcare and serve the community for years to come.

The new hospital campus will boast more than 140,000 square feet of space to house general facilities with 25-beds, expanded space for core services including a larger emergency department, and upgraded technology. The new campus will also be in better compliance with requirements for disabled patients and visitors.

"We are fortunate to have a robust health system in our community," McKinney said. "You can take comfort knowing that a team of compassionate healthcare providers is always right around the corner in Pecos."

To learn more about local healthcare services or to find a provider, visit <a href="www.reevescountyhospital.com">www.reevescountyhospital.com</a> or call 432-447-3551 to schedule an appointment.

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