In line with our Mission of Making our Community Healthier St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center has established a TRIAGE CENTER to assist with the COVID 19 Pandemic. The Triage Center will be open Mon- Fri 8 am- 8 pm & Sat-Sun 9am – 5 pm. The Triage Center will remain in place every day until further notice.

The Triage Center location is 2424 W. Main Street in Russellville, phone number 479-858-1117. The Center is to help those affected by COVID-19 like symptoms, while protecting our community’s elderly and ill patients, as well as our healthcare workers. The Triage Center will also help protect other vital community healthcare resources from being overwhelmed. While this virus produces only mild symptoms in the majority of patients, it is still very important to distance from others to prevent spread.

**IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY BREATHING OR CHEST PAIN, CALL 911**

If you have MILD flu-like symptoms, such as fever, cough, and body aches, please distance yourself from others and **REMAIN HOME. CALL YOUR DOCTOR FIRST** for advice.

If you feel ill enough to see a doctor, please **CALL YOUR DOCTOR FIRST.** They may direct you to THE TRIAGE CENTER. You will be screened, most patients will receive advice on home care and return home. You may be asked to remain self isolated to reduce the risk of transferring the virus.

You will see healthcare workers in protective equipment at The Triage Center. Do not be alarmed. This is to protect both you and the workers. Patients will be tested for influenza and other conditions with symptoms similar to COVID – 19. At this time, access to COVID -19 testing is extremely limited. Out of necessity, most patients will be diagnosed by a doctor without coronavirus testing until access to the test becomes less restricted. Patients suspected of having COVID – 19 may be contacted at home by the Arkansas Department of Health for follow-up.

**To slow the spread of COVID – 19, and to protect our community’s elderly and vulnerable, it is important for patients with cough or flu-like symptoms to stay isolated from others.**

**CALL YOUR DOCTOR FIRST, The number at the Triage Center is 479-858-1117**