



# NORTHWEST HEALTHCARE

Northwest Medical Center | Oro Valley Hospital

---

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

---

Contact: Veronica Apodaca

Office: 520.469.8217

Cell: 509.220.0707

[Veronica.Apodaca@northwestmedicalcenter.com](mailto:Veronica.Apodaca@northwestmedicalcenter.com)

## NORTHWEST HEALTHCARE OFFERS VIRTUAL VISITS FOR COVID-19 PRE-SCREENING

**Tucson, AZ** (March 23, 2020) – Northwest Healthcare is offering an easy-to-use screening option specific to COVID-19. Individuals with concerns or mild to moderate symptoms specific to COVID-19 can use our VirtualHealthConnect app to speak with an experienced healthcare provider using a smartphone or computer. Because virtual visits can take place from home, they can help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

COVID-19 cannot be diagnosed through a virtual visit, but doctors can evaluate symptoms such as fever, cough and shortness of breath, discuss known risk factors, and answer questions. If testing is indicated, a referral can be provided to the right location for an in-person visit. Virtual visits are \$40 and not covered by insurance.

Visit <https://www.healthiertucson.com/virtual-visits> for information about how to download and use the VirtualHealthConnect app. Frequently asked questions are also provided.

A virtual visit or call to your physician's office is the first step for those concerned about COVID-19 exposure. Most people with COVID-19 will not need hospital care and should follow instructions for appropriate testing locations, as needed. However, if you have chest pain, shortness of breath, dizziness, a severe headache or other life-threatening conditions, call 911.

###

### **About Northwest Healthcare**

*Northwest Healthcare is an integrated healthcare provider committed to delivering Tucson and surrounding communities with high quality, accessible healthcare. Northwest Healthcare includes Northwest Medical Center, Oro Valley Hospital, Northwest Emergency Centers in Vail and Marana, five Northwest Urgent Care locations, The Women's Center at Northwest, Northwest Allied Physicians, Northwest Cardiology, Northwest Tucson Surgery Center, Tucson Surgery Center and Center for Pain Management. To learn more, visit [HealthierTucson.com](http://HealthierTucson.com).*