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New Direction

Anonymous springtime donation results in rapid testing panel equipment

Nacogdoches Memorial Health is proud to announce the purchase of special testing equipment that will detect a host of 23 respiratory pathogens, including the SARS-CoV-2, more commonly known as the COVID-19 virus, within two hours. The equipment performs polymerase chain reaction testing, or PCR testing, which is the most accurate method of testing on the market. The purchase was made possible by an anonymous donation of \$200,000 that was made to the Nacogdoches Memorial Foundation in the spring. The funding was intended to provide much-needed relief from COVID-19 shortages of personal protective gear. Once that need was met, remaining funds were directed to help the hospital with early detection of the virus as soon as the necessary equipment could be purchased.



“Our hope is to get ahead of the current surge and future outbreaks of the coronavirus by early detection, and therefore early intervention, as a result of this rapid, comprehensive testing,” said Gary Stokes, chief executive officer for Nacogdoches Memorial. “The BioFire respiratory testing panel, which will be run by our new BioFire Film Array System, detects 23 respiratory pathogens, including viruses that cause COVID-19, whooping cough, pneumonia and a variety of influenza viruses. This will help our clinicians to quickly rule in and rule out common causes of respiratory illness and allow them to settle into a treatment plan much more quickly.”

“As soon as this technology became available for purchase in the less urban areas, we pursued that end,” said Stokes. “Being able to rapidly respond with appropriate treatment and containment measures should be good for our hospital, as well as our community. Not having to wait several days for results will help us lessen exposure and contain the spread, resulting in lives saved and unnecessary economic impact avoided.”

Memorial departments deck their walls, windows and doors in annual contest

The hospital’s annual holiday door/window/wall decorating competition resulted in the skillful execution of lots of festive ideas to make our Memorial home even more welcoming than usual. With an elaborate gingerbread house, clinical outcomes took home the grand prize Big Shot trophy and a meal for the department to enjoy. Admissions took second place with their giant Santa and Mrs. Claus. In case you haven’t gotten around to checking out all the doors, we’ve captured the images on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter.



Door/window/wall decorating competition was fierce, fun



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Check out all competitive entries and those good sports that just decorated for the fun of it. Photos are in random order, but see the key at right to figure out who did what. Give them all a hand for their stellar efforts.



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Dressing up in our holiday finest

It's the most wonderful time of the year and there have been a few folks inspiring us to be of good cheer.

Alberta Bryan, ultrasound tech, donned her jolliest outfit and Shane Allen, painter, took it up a notch with multiple ensembles. Thanks for sharing your holiday spirit!



Aerocare, A Pineywoods Home Health and PAM Specialty Hospital of Lufkin banded together recently to treat us to a hot cocoa break.



Twenty-three bakers from the First Baptist Church Berean Sunday School class treated us to hundreds of cookies, allowing us to deliver boxes and trays of delicious homemade cookies to all departments within the hospital, plus a few extras.



ER admissions took up hygiene and vaccine weaponry against COVID-19 recently in good fun, but there really is a vaccine on its way!

Go green with paperless electronic year-end tax forms

Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital is always looking for ways to make Paycom more convenient for you. With that in mind, we are offering you paperless electronic year-end tax forms. Not only is this a fast and convenient way to receive your W2, it also helps the hospital move towards our goal of "going green" with more ecofriendly policies. You can view and print your W2s in Paycom and if you need any assistance printing your W2, human resources will be happy to assist.

What are the benefits of going paperless? You can view your W2s as soon as they are posted. No more waiting for them to be received from your managers/directors or to show up in your mailbox. You can view current or past W2s 24 hours a day, seven days a week. When accessing your Paycom account, you'll also be able to get the most up-to-date information.

To go paperless, go to your Paycom account, navigate to Payroll, and then click on Year-End Tax Forms. From that screen, click the blue hyperlinked "here" option. Select your preferred election from the options. For example, if you want to receive only an electronic copy of your Form W-2, select that option. Then, click "Update."

Jose' Rubalcava, payroll manager, sent an email on Dec. 10 with these instructions attached. The deadline to opt in and receive only an electronic copy of your Form W-2 is Dec. 31.

We appreciate everything that you can do to help us go GREEN.

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