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## **In Uncertain Times, Hospitals Are Critical Lifelines**

*Knox County Hospital District joins national celebration of hospitals and medical care.*

KNOX CITY, Texas (May 4, 2020) – A robust medical team and critical healthcare services are key to a vibrant and healthy community. During times of great need, the importance of hospitals and their compassionate medical teams is clearer than ever.

Knox County Hospital District is observing National Hospital Week (May 10-16), an opportunity to celebrate local healthcare services and the providers and staff who protect and care for us.

“This year’s Hospital Week takes on special meaning as medical teams across the country stand on the front lines of a health emergency,” said Stephen Kuehler, CEO of Knox County Hospital District. “Although hospitals provide important healthcare services all year long, they play a critical role when the unexpected happens.”

During Hospital Week, thousands of hospitals across the country celebrate healthcare professionals and their services. This year, KCHD is giving thanks for hospitals and healthcare providers across the country that are working day and night to care for patients affected by COVID-19 and to protect their communities from the spread of illness.

“We have been working closely with state and federal health officials to bolster our ability to respond to COVID-19 and meet community need,” Kuehler said. “Our nurses, medical team and hospital staff have been critical in keeping the community safe and informed.”

A magazine editor who wanted to educate the public about the work of hospitals launched National Hospital Week in 1921. Since then, it has become one of the nation’s largest healthcare celebrations.

According to Kuehler, the local hospital provides critical healthcare services that residents would otherwise have to travel long distances to find. At a time when many hospitals are cutting back on services or facing closure, KCHD has remained resilient and committed to delivering important healthcare to the community through its hospital services and clinics.

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KCHD offers a large number of medical services, including 24-hour emergency care; advanced radiology services; a clinical laboratory; surgical services; physical therapy; a swing bed program for recovery near home, two family health clinics, long term nursing home care and more.

Local medical providers in a variety of specialties are also available, including those specializing in family practice, internal medicine and surgical services. Kuehler added that having these services available locally helps reduce the burden of travel for patients and their families.

The hospital district is a major contributor to the local economy, providing employment and support for community organizations and projects, all while providing important services to protect the health and safety of the community.

“We will continue to provide the critical healthcare services our community needs,” Kuehler said.

“Whether that is responding to a medical emergency or the everyday services and support to help our patients improve their wellbeing, your health is our promise.”

To learn more about local healthcare programs at services in Knox County, please visit [www.knoxhospital.org](http://www.knoxhospital.org).

### **About Knox County Hospital District**

Founded in 1926, Knox County Hospital District provides healthcare for residents of Knox County and surrounding areas. The district offers a wealth of medical services, including 24-hour emergency care, advanced radiology services, a clinical laboratory, home health, physical therapy, long-term care, patient education and more. For additional information, please call 940-657-3535 or visit [www.knoxhospital.org](http://www.knoxhospital.org).

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