



April 9, 2020

Memorandum

To: Partners of Oregon State Hospital (OSH)

From: Dolly Matteucci, OSH Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Oregon State Hospital increasing admissions during Coronavirus Disease
2019 (COVID-19)

Due to the national emergency declared by the President and state emergency declaration by the Governor, and to protect the health and safety of patients and staff at Oregon State Hospital, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) ordered OSH to limit visitation to essential individuals and temporarily restrict admissions.

On March 16, admissions to the Oregon State Hospital (OSH) were temporarily restricted during the COVID-19 pandemic to admission of those patients under Guilty Except for Insanity (GEI) revocations and those who met the criteria for expedited Aid and Assist admissions.

These restrictions were necessary to protect patients and limit the potential spread of COVID-19 within our two campuses and to allow the hospital to plan and designate special units for medically vulnerable patients and patients under investigation or COVID-19 positive. OSH has also taken other measures to protect all patients and to increase supplies of personal protective equipment and other medical supplies. To date, OSH has had no patients test positive for COVID-19, and it is now preparing to increase admissions.

Effective April 13, 2020, OSH will increase admissions. OSH will continue to prioritize admissions of GEI revocations and



persons under ORS 161.370 admissions who meet expedited admission criteria. Additional admissions will begin with persons under ORS 161.370 orders, in the order in which the court orders were signed. To prevent potential spread of COVID-19 into the general patient population, OSH will admit small groups of patients onto a specialized unit over a 5-day period. The admission process will begin with medical screening, followed by a 14-day quarantine, and additional screening before patients transition to other units. This expanded admissions process will continue as long as it is safe for all patients.

OSH has established and will continue ongoing communication with stakeholders related to individuals under ORS 161.370 and GEI commitments that are awaiting admission. OSH and OHA also will continue communications with community partners related to individuals that are awaiting admission under civil commitment.