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### **The Neighborhood Free Health Clinic Reopens, Offers New Services**

**STOUGHTON, Wis., June 17, 2020** – The Neighborhood Free Health Clinic today announced it is reopening for in-person visits and launching two new health and wellness services.

On Thursday, June 18, patients will be welcomed back into the clinic for appointments for the first time since the outbreak of the coronavirus. The Neighborhood Free Health Clinic has implemented a new health and safety plan and added proactive measures like pre-appointment screenings, face masks, shields and specialized cleaning services in order to serve patients in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to reopening, The Neighborhood Free Health Clinic has been offering tele-health appointments in place of in-person visits.

“We always prefer to sit down with our patients and offer face-to-face care,” said Tina Degroot, APNP and volunteer health care provider at The Neighborhood Free Health Clinic. “But, the health and safety of our community comes first. Now that we know more about how to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, we are happy to make adjustments to our process and welcome people back to the clinic.”

In addition to The Neighborhood Free Health Clinic’s existing services which include non-emergency treatment for chronic illnesses, primary care services and prevention and wellness care, we now also offer virtual health services and mental health and counseling services. These additions move us closer to our goal of offering whole-person care to meet the needs of all patients.

Patients who enjoy the convenience of meeting with our providers remotely now have the option to schedule virtual health appointments. The virtual health services will give providers the opportunity to meet with patients who cannot come to the clinic or are most comfortable discussing health concerns from home. Like in-person visits, virtual health appointments can be scheduled by calling the clinic.

“We want to help every patient we meet work toward a healthy body, mind and spirit,” said Angela Rowin, president of The Neighborhood Free Health Clinic Board of Directors. “To care for the mental and emotional health of our community, we’ve partnered with local therapists to provide individual and family therapy. We’re especially grateful to be able to offer mental

health services right now as COVID-19 is adding stress, grief and complications to our daily lives.”

Please visit our website [NeighborhoodFreeHealthClinic.org](http://NeighborhoodFreeHealthClinic.org) for a complete list of services. All appointments can be scheduled by calling 608-205-0505. Anyone visiting the clinic will be required to follow all health and safety guidelines provided by Neighborhood Free Health Clinic staff.

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The Neighborhood Free Health Clinic has been providing free, compassionate, non-emergency healthcare to adults living without health insurance or with insufficient health insurance since 2008. Valuing the body, mind and spirit of every patient, our volunteer health care providers offer services ranging from primary care to treatment for chronic illnesses and mental health services. We also partner with local clergy to offer support for patients’ spiritual needs. Learn more: [NeighborhoodFreeHealthClinic.org](http://NeighborhoodFreeHealthClinic.org)