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The Dimock Center at the Frontlines of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

ROXBURY, MA – The Dimock Center provides a unique and comprehensive model of healthcare, mental health support and education to close to 20,000 patients and families annually. As Coronavirus (COVID-19) rates continue to grow in Boston, the Dimock Center is quickly responding to the needs of patients and developing creative solutions to remain fully operational, while ensuring the health and safety of everyone who walks through the door.

In front of Dimock’s health center a wooden structure has recently been constructed to test patients for COVID-19 as they arrive on the campus. This **open-air testing site** is open to all and will serve local patients who may not have access to other local testing sites. This is one of the many ways in which Dimock continues to remain at the frontline of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and provide care to those in need.



New testing structure in front of the health center.

The Dimock health center building has been transitioned to be a respiratory clinic to meet anticipated demands. To screen, test, and treat people who may have COVID-19. Primary care and mental health treatment have been shifted to “telehealth” via phone and webcams. Our telehealth outreach is also supporting patients who are facing uncertainties regarding access to resources, including nutritious food, eviction prevention, the continuation of electricity and other utilities. Dimock is committed to seamlessly continuing to care for patients to promote their health and safety and combat their isolation.



Patient room in Dr. Marie Zakrzewska building.

Dimock’s inpatient detox, recovery homes, family shelter and group homes for adults with developmental disabilities remain open. These programs care for patients who live here on campus and whose recovery is dependent upon home and medical support 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. New residential space has been **created in our Dr. Marie Zakrzewska building to care for potential COVID-19 positive residential patients or those experiencing related symptoms**. To protect residents, expanded cleaning services and protocols have been established in our recovery and residential treatment programs.

Head Start, Early Head Start and Foundations for Learning programs have been temporarily closed per Federal and State mandates, however

Dimock staff are **staying in touch with program families and connecting with them to resources** for healthy foods and other needed support.

In an effort to generate critically needed, urgent funding to both continue providing outstanding, uninterrupted care, and meet emerging community needs, a **Dimock Emergency Fund** has been established to support The Dimock Center. Community support is needed at this critical time as The Dimock Center works to reduce the

impact of the COVID-19 crisis. To make a contribution today, please visit www.dimock.org. For more information, please contact Taisha Hendrickson, Director of Marketing and Communications at 617-442-8800 ext.1285 or thendric@dimock.org.

About The Dimock Center: Founded in 1862 as the New England Hospital for Women and Children, the Dimock Center heals and uplifts individuals, families, and our community. Operating on a nine-acre campus in Roxbury's Egleston Square, the Dimock serves people from all Boston neighborhoods and 212 communities across the state through our Health and Community Care, Behavioral Health, and Child and Family Services. Nationally recognized as a model for the delivery of comprehensive health education and human services in an urban community, the Dimock serves close to 20,000 people annually.