

DHR HEALTH

COVID-19 RESPONSE



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SAVING LIVES ON THE FRONT LINES

At DHR Health, we are working tirelessly around-the-clock, serving on the front lines so that we can save lives and protect our patients, staff, and community.

The COVID-19 pandemic presents significant challenges which we are meeting head-on every day. From the outset of the pandemic, we acted early and have undertaken a wide variety of measures to prepare for and respond, including building and retrofitting four free-standing COVID-19 units, a dedicated COVID-19 emergency room, revamping standard operating procedures, innovating new ways to deliver safe and efficient health care, and expending significant resources in adding capacity to be able to provide care for COVID-19 patients.

DHR Health will continue to commit the resources of our entire health system to protect our community and to ensure that none in our community goes without care they need.

LEADING THE COVID-19 RESPONSE FOR THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY

DHR Health is a community health system that serves the entire Rio Grande Valley. When COVID-19 hit, our health system went into action and took the lead on efforts to establish a **regional response**, collaborate with other health systems and provide resources all across the RGV.

In March 23, 2020, DHR Health established the **RGV Collaborative** to provide convalescent plasma to area hospitals, share information, discuss best practices, and look over the horizon to ensure proper preparedness. The Collaboration continues to this day and includes:

- 11 regional hospitals
- 92 practicing physicians
- 4 County Health Departments
- **Designated State of Texas Vaccine Hub**
 - Administered over 230,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine as a community service.
- **Monoclonal Antibody Infusion**
 - DHR Health the first in the region to initiate monoclonal antibody infusion in COVID-19 positive patients (11/2020)
 - Hundreds of patients infused to-date.
 - Hosting State of Texas Infusion Center with donated space.
- **Post-exposure Prophylaxis in COVID-19 Patients**
 - First to initiate this protocol in August 2021
 - Created a facility to infuse in COVID-19 negative patients
- **NIH Funded Clinical Studies**
 - Initiated NIH funded clinical studies for safety and efficacy of various monoclonal antibodies.

DHR Health COVID-19 Fast Facts

- 3,200+ COVID-19 Patients Cared For in Hospital
- Established **RGV Collaborative** to lead a regional response to COVID-19
- Designated TX COVID-19 Vaccine HUB
- 277,000+ Vaccine Doses Administered with thousands more each week
- Donating space to host State of Texas COVID-19 Infusion Center
- Built 4 Dedicated Free-Standing COVID-19 Units with 300+ Beds Added for COVID-19
- Millions in Lost Revenue due to COVID
- +\$44M in capital expenditures and operating expenses for COVID-19 preparedness

About DHR Health

- Locally owned and operated
- 70+ specialties and sub-specialties
- 500+ beds
- 600+ physicians
- 1,500+ nurses
- \$400 Million in charity care (10 years)
- 44% patients Medicaid by discharge
- 110,000+ babies birthed
- Level I Trauma Facility
- Kidney Transplant Program
- 150+ residents & fellows in 12 GME programs

The Rio Grande Valley

The Rio Grande Valley is a vibrant community, rich in culture, pride, and is one of the fastest growing areas of the State of Texas. DHR Health is a homegrown community health system founded by local physicians with a mission to address all the health care needs of our community, however we do face some challenges.

- 1.3 Million residents
- 33% Poverty Rate
- 35% Uninsured Rate