

**March 19, 2020****Immediate Release****Contact:** JoAnn Cavanaugh, Director Public Relations**Office:** (716) 706-2061 | **Cell:** (716) 228-4886 | **Email:** [jcav@chsbuffalo.org](mailto:jcav@chsbuffalo.org)

## **Catholic Health Limits Outpatient Services Unless Medically Urgent**

In light of the current state of emergency and significant efforts to prevent the spread of Coronavirus in our community, Catholic Health will be limiting outpatient testing, rehabilitation services, and other medical procedures, except for those deemed medically urgent or emergent. Urgent is defined as a patient test or a procedure that is medically necessary to prevent serious harm or complications.

Under this directive, regular screening tests (e.g. mammography, colonoscopy, routine blood work) and other non-urgent outpatient services and procedures will be postponed until the state of emergency is lifted. This effort coincides with Catholic Health's decision earlier this week to cancel all elective surgeries unless deemed medically urgent by a patient's medical provider.

**As part of these changes, patients requiring medically necessary services should note the following:**

- Outpatient physical therapy will be limited to the following three Catholic Health locations:

**Partners in Rehab - 677-5022**

Western New York Medical Park  
550 Orchard Park Rd, West Seneca, NY  
14224

**AthletiCare - 447-6037**

1495 Military Rd, Kenmore, NY 14217

**Mount St. Mary's Center for Sports Medicine  
& Physical Rehabilitation - 298-2249**

1 Colomba Dr. #5, Niagara Falls, NY 14305

- Laboratory testing is by appointment only and must be scheduled in advance. Same day appointments will be available. Patients in Erie County may call 862-1150, 24 hours-a-day. In Niagara County, patients may call Mount St. Mary's Hospital at 298-2370, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Radiology services will be scheduled by the ordering provider.
- Pulmonary function testing will not be available.
- Non-invasive cardiology tests for routine follow-up will be postponed where medically appropriate.

If patients have any other further questions, they should speak to their medical provider.