The following provides a current state based on the Coronavirus and precautionary measures to support Veteran and staff safety.

As part of this process, everyone who enters the campus will be pre-screened. During this time, the VA Medical Center in Saginaw will only allow individuals to enter through the main VA entrance and the CLC entrance, Monday – Friday, or the Main Entrance only on weekends.

The screening consists of the following questions:

1. Do you have a fever (100.4oF or greater), a new or worsening cough, shortness of breath, or flu-like symptoms?
2. Have you been in close contact with someone confirmed to have the Coronavirus Disease?
3. You may have your temperature taken as well.

Per CDC guidance and VA protocols, individuals known to be at risk for a COVID-19 infection are immediately isolated to prevent potential spread to others.

Veterans and staff are encouraged to take everyday preventive actions to avoid being exposed to the virus:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home if you are sick or becoming sick.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- If you have symptoms or have been exposed to someone with symptoms, call the VA before going to the facility.

Additionally, all activities/events at the VA have been cancelled until further notice.

Veterans appointments and elective surgical procedures are being reviewed and may be rescheduled to decrease foot traffic in our VA facilities. This will be determined based on a clinical review.

Admissions to our Community Living Center or Palliative Care Unit are restricted at this time. Certain criteria will need to be met to be admitted to assure the Veteran is free of the Coronavirus before admission. Additionally, the VA is not allowing visitors to their Community Living Center, and there are restrictions on the number of visitors on the Palliative Care (end of life) Unit. See more here: https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5400

Visitors returning from international travel must be in the United States, symptom-free, for 14 days. Visitors with additional questions about their symptoms should be referred to their medical professional. VHA is taking these proactive precautions to protect our Veterans, employees, and the communities we serve.

VHA is sensitive to the separation this restriction causes our patients and their loved ones, but VHA believes this measure of protection is essential at this time to keep people safe. Only one visitor per Veteran is allowed for Veterans who require assistance to get to and from an appointment, providing
support to in-patient Veterans in palliative or hospice care, and Veterans who are having major procedures.

Access will be determined on a case-by-case decision where the visitor is critical to the care of the Veteran. Only visitors without symptoms will be permitted to enter the Medical Center as dictated by the current situation. No visitors under the age of 18 are permitted, including infants. No Visitors will be allowed to wait in common areas (canteen areas, waiting rooms, vending areas, etc.). These restrictions apply to all care locations, including health care facilities, ambulatory care centers, urgent care centers, and emergency rooms.

Community Based Outpatient Clinics are decreasing the amount of face-to-face visits to assure the safety of Veterans and employees. VA care teams are reviewing Veteran medical records and making contact to provide care either over the phone or through telehealth technology.

Veteran Service Officers are not keeping office hours at the VA at this time. See their contact phone numbers below. Additionally, VFW has provided additional phone numbers, and there are instructions regarding what Veterans should do about their former claims with the Marine Corps League.

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No MCL at the VA or Vet Center at this time. Any Veteran who had a claim with the Marine Corps League may contact any other Service Officer from one of the offices above to request assistance for additional claims work. At this time, the VBA is the only entity with rights to the Veterans' current claim or benefits documentation initiated by the Marine Corps League.

The opportunity for Veterans to self-schedule is disabled at this time, as we are reviewing records to offer the care virtually instead.

News Releases on COVID 19 from the Aleda E. Lutz VA can be found here: https://www.saginaw.va.gov/news/index.asp

Our VA COVID 19 Hotline is available for additional information. You may call 989-497-2500, Ext. 14155 or direct dial to 989-321-4155.