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*****PRESS ADVISORY*****

VIRGINIA GARCIA TO SUSPEND WASHINGTON COUNTY DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING AT HILLSBORO STADIUM DURING SUMMER MONTHS

HILLSBORO - In an effort to provide care and screening services to the migrant and seasonal farmworker population, Virginia Garcia will be suspending their drive-through screening services at the Hillsboro Stadium location beginning Monday, June 8. The team, as well as the mobile clinic, at that location will be re-deployed to provide care and screening services to farms and nurseries we serve during the summer months in Washington and Yamhill counties.

“Virginia Garcia is committed to providing quality health care and screening resources to our most vulnerable populations,” said Virginia Garcia Chief Operations Officer Maria Loredo. “Since our first clinic opened in 1975 we have been committed to bringing health care to the migrant and seasonal farmworkers of this community. It is the foundation of our mission and it continues today.”

The drive-through screening site at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds in McMinnville will continue to provide screening services to the community on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition, each of the Virginia Garcia primary care medical sites will continue to offer onsite screening services for both drive-up and walk-up needs.

“It made the most sense for us to suspend services due to the overwhelming need to be available for our migrant and seasonal farmworker population. We will re-assess the need to reopen the Hillsboro drive-through location once the migrant farmworker season ends later this summer,” said Misty Downey, program manager for the drive-through screening sites.

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Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center provides high quality, comprehensive and culturally appropriate primary health care with a special emphasis on those with barriers to receiving health care. Since its founding 45 years ago, Virginia Garcia has grown from a single, grassroots clinic into a full service health care home serving Washington and Yamhill counties. Today, Virginia Garcia employs nearly 600 people, has a budget of more than \$63 million, and serves about 52,000 patients at five primary care clinics, six dental clinics, five school-based health centers, a women’s clinic, and a mobile outreach clinic.

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