



Virginia Garcia Memorial
HEALTH CENTER

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

LAUNCH OF NEW VIRGINIA GARCIA HILLSBORO - 7TH AVENUE

ONGOING COVID-19 RESPONSE DESPITE PREDICTED CLOSURES OF SERVICES STATEWIDE

Hillsboro, OR – Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center opened the doors of Virginia Garcia Hillsboro - 7th Avenue on Monday, May 9 as part of the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) "Test to Treat" program dedicated to ongoing vaccinations, testing, and treatment for COVID-19.

At the start of 2022 the Oregon Health Authority reached out to a small number of health centers across the state to create ongoing COVID-19 response access points in their community. Concerns around the closures of testing and vaccination services left those with significant barriers to care and those hit hardest by COVID-19 with no place to go.

On March 7th, 2022, the federal government expanded access to COVID-19 therapeutics to those most at risk with the Test to Treat Program (T2T). As one of the OPCA/OHA pilot sites in Washington and Yamhill counties Virginia Garcia had the experience to open a dedicated site.

The clinic, located one block west of Virginia Garcia's Hillsboro primary care location, will ensure same day or next day testing, vaccination, and treatment access for all community members and established patients regardless of their ability to pay.

"Partnering with public health and other community partners in addressing a virus which has disproportionately impacted communities of color has been an extraordinary effort and as a result of our efforts, we've been able to offer more than 80,000 vaccinations to patients and community members," said Gil Muñoz, CEO of Virginia Garcia. "The 7th Avenue location will ensure we can continue to provide COVID-19 resources to community."

Virginia Garcia will provide rapid and confirmation COVID-19 testing. If a positive test is resulted, an evaluation by a provider will be offered to those that meet treatment criteria as well as a prescription that can be filled at any Virginia Garcia pharmacy. All Virginia Garcia pharmacies are also accepting written COVID-19 treatment prescriptions from other providers.

Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are available for all approved ages and populations.

Convenient drive through testing will be provided with vaccines taking place onsite. They will also be offering N95 respirators and home test kits to those that come to the 7th Avenue location.

An appointment is required. Information for scheduling appointments can be found on [Virginia Garcia's vaccine page](https://viriniagarcia.org/vaccine). (VirginiaGarcia.org/vaccine)

Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9am - 4pm

Location:

Virginia Garcia Hillsboro – 7th Ave
232 SE 7th Avenue,
Hillsboro, OR 97123

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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 43 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 650 people, has a budget of more than \$62 million, and serves more than 52,000 patients at five primary care clinics, six dental clinics, five school-based health centers, a women's clinic as well as a mobile outreach clinic.

Visit www.viriniagarcia.org for more information on the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center.