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ERCC reopens outpatient rehab services



Submitted photo Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center reopened its doors to outpatient rehabilitation services on June 1. Pictured from left are ERCC's rehabilitation services staff members: Shelby Glenn, rehabilitation technician, Justin Thompson, certified occupational therapy assistant, Lindsay Zirkle, occupational therapist, Alissa Kerns, physical therapy assistant, Angela Row, physical therapy assistant, Kristina Heitz, physical therapist and Gretchen Price, speech language pathologist. Not pictured are Vonda Anthony, rehabilitation technician, and Lona Markley, occupational therapist.

ELKINS — After being closed for more than two months to all but essential employees, Elkins Rehabilitation & Care Center is reopen for those seeking outpatient rehabilitation care.

The first step in the reopening process is accepting referrals for outpatient rehabilitation services — physical, occupational, and speech therapies.

The facility remains the only provider in Randolph County that can offer all three disciplines.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ERCC officials made the decision in March to only allow essential personal into the facility and family members of residents who were receiving end of life care. Now that the state is lifting restrictions in stages, ERCC is slowly opening for outpatient rehabilitation services, said Tara Shaver, administrator.

“We’re going to be taking an abundance of care in ensuring that everyone is protected, including the use of face masks and sanitizing the therapy equipment after every use,” Shaver added. “We will be putting in place a number of precautions to make sure our residents, our staff and those that visit us for care stay healthy and safe.”

Other precautions include, but are not limited to, only allowing the scheduled individual to enter the building, they cannot be accompanied. All patients will also have their temperatures taken and be required to wear a face mask at all times, she noted.

“We offer excellent rehabilitation services and we want to make sure that people living in this region who need it have access,” Shaver said.

“But, we going to make sure we do it in the safest way possible for everyone.”

The rehabilitation wing of the facility reopened to outpatient patients on June 1. Inpatient and outpatient services are available for all ages, from geriatric to pediatric.

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