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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Mandeville Regional Hospital to Implement Measures to Manage Numbers and Wait Time

The Mandeville Regional Hospital (MRH) in Manchester will implement new measures in an effort to better manage the number of patients and clients in the hospital, improve physical distancing and reduce the wait time.

CEO for the MRH, Alwyn Miller explained that on Monday, September 7, the Outpatient Department will only accommodate 120 patients into the waiting area beginning at 6:00 a.m. As the number of patients decrease, other persons will be allowed in the department.

"Provisions will be made for patients to wait external to the facility. Special accommodations will be made for the elderly, pregnant women, mothers with babies, and physically challenged persons. Patients requiring assistance should be accompanied by only one relative" Mr. Miller added.

In addition, the hospital will implement a new digital appointment system for select clinical services during September 2020, which will be phased over the next six months.

Mr. Miller pointed out that the system will allocate specific appointment times for patients, which will result in patients being allowed entry to the hospital closer to the time of their appointments.

The CEO is encouraging the public to adhere to the changes as the hospital continues to do its best to manage the health of the public.

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