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Walk-In Appointments coming to Milton-Freewater Public Health *New clinic hours beginning July 1*

Pendleton, Or. — Two changes take effect on July 1 at Milton-Freewater Public Health: Walk-In appointments and new office hours.

“We’ve looked at data from the last three years to determine patient trends, utilization, and needs” said Genni Lehnert, Administrator. “

Starting July 1, the clinic will accept Walk-In appointments. All services provided at the Health Department (except an annual exam) will now be available without an appointment. Based on the current data “we believe this will prove a very popular option,” reported Lehnert. Currently, a visit to Milton-Freewater Public Health requires an appointment.

The operational hours for the clinic will change. They will be open two days a week, Tuesday and Wednesday s, from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. for services. Current the clinic is open Monday through Thursday. Milton-Freewater Public Health is located at 707 East Broadway, Milton-Freewater.

Both of the changes are being implemented on a trial basis for 6 months.

“It was important to realign services to meet the actual needs of the Milton-Freewater community” explained Lehnert. “I wanted to be sure that resources were being utilized appropriately while balancing the need to provide public health care to all Umatilla County citizens”.

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