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## Reeves County Hospital District Looks to the Future Ahead of the New Year

Healthcare system wishes the community health and safety in 2021.

PECOS, Texas (Dec. 28, 2020) – The new year is a time to reflect. Although 2020 has brought many challenges, Reeves County Hospital District is looking toward the future and giving thanks for the many blessings of the past year.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has brought sorrow and uncertainty, but the community has shown its generosity time and again," said Brenda McKinney, CEO of Reeves County Hospital District. "We have many things to be thankful for – from beginning construction of our new hospital campus to the everyday selflessness of our medical team and our community leaders."

According to McKinney, dozens of businesses and individuals have offered donations, meals and protective equipment for hospital staff who have been working around the clock to provide care to those who need it most during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The hospital has seen a large influx of COVID-19 patients in recent weeks as infection rates have soared across Texas and the region. McKinney said that staying home, wearing a mask in public and practicing social distancing is important for protecting the most vulnerable in the community who are at high risk of becoming seriously ill from the dangerous disease.

"Vaccines will become widely available in the coming months, which means that it is more important than ever that we take steps to ensure that everyone makes it through this difficult period so they can get vaccinated," she said.

Despite the difficulties posed by the pandemic, the hospital district has many reasons to look toward the future. In late 2019 RCHD began construction on a new hospital campus with more than 140,000 square feet of space to house general facilities with 25-beds, expanded space for core services including a larger emergency department, and upgraded technology.



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In September 2020, RCHD celebrated the topping off ceremony for the new building, when the last beam was lifted into place. Construction has continued, with the grand opening expected to take place in fall 2021.

"The opening of our new hospital is something that we are thrilled to look forward to in the new year," McKinney said.

McKinney said that there is much to look forward to in the new year, but keeping your health top of mind will be especially important in the coming months. Following COVID-19 guidelines, eating healthy foods and taking time out for your mental health will be key to staying well.

"We are in this together and there is hope in the future," she said. "If you need healthcare services, you can take comfort knowing that we are right around the corner.

To learn more about local healthcare services, visit www.reevescountyhospital.com.

## **About Reeves County Hospital District**

Reeves County Hospital District (RCHD) provides healthcare services for people in Reeves County and neighboring communities in West Texas. Founded in 1954, RCHD, a Level IV Trauma Center, offers a wide variety of medical services, including emergency care, diagnostic radiology, physical therapy, general surgery, a clinical laboratory and more. RCHD also operates American Home Health and Hospice and the Pecos Valley Rural Health Clinic, which offers family care, immunizations and other medical services. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.reevescountyhospital.com">www.reevescountyhospital.com</a>.

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