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## **Mobile center will bring care to greenway area during pandemic**

La Clinica is making its mobile health center available to care for homeless people along the Bear Creek Greenway in Medford during the coronavirus pandemic.

The 40-foot clinic on wheels will be open in the parking lot behind the Medford Senior Center, 510 E. Main St., near the Ninth Street pedestrian bridge, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays beginning this week.

Staff will offer medical care for people who have no regular doctor. The team also will work to connect people with support and information about other community resources.

The team offers drop-in care, serving people on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment is on an income-based sliding scale. People do not need to be La Clinica patients to seek care.

The mobile center's usual route includes a variety of community locations, and people served are often but not always homeless, said Ed Smith-Burns, La Clinica outreach director.

"During this time, we're aiming to concentrate our services on community need and on keeping people out of hospital emergency rooms," he said. "We will see anybody, but we want them to go to their regular doctor if they have one."

La Clinica is part of a community effort to provide health care, food, and safe shelter to people who are homeless. Jackson County and other community partners have organized an effort to provide meals to people living along the greenway, and La Clinica will coordinate with that group so people know care is available nearby, Smith-Burns said.

### **About La Clinica**

La Clinica offers wellness-focused medical, dental, mental health, and substance use disorder care at 21 sites: six primary health centers, East Medford Dental Clinic, 13 school-based centers, and in a mobile center. Although its mission focuses on providing access to low-income people, La Clinica is open to everyone. La Clinica was founded in 1989 to serve the primary and preventive care needs of migrant and seasonal farm workers in Jackson County. In 2001, in response to an increasing need for affordable primary health, La Clinica expanded its scope to serve every member of the community. All services are offered regardless of a patient's ability to pay, and on a sliding-scale basis for the uninsured and low income.