

Taylor Hardin TIMES

THE MONTH OF MAY IS HERE

Celebrate the gorgeous month of May! The Sun is warming, the birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, and the garden is growing. See what fun and interesting days May has to offer—from holidays to history to advice.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS!

DID YOU KNOW?

May is named for the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants.

May Birthstone: Emerald

May Flower: Lily of the Valley and the Common Hawthorne

Blue Jeans were officially invented in the month of May 1873 by Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis.

In any given year no month ever begins or ends on the same day of the week as May does.

COVID-19 AND PATIENT CARE

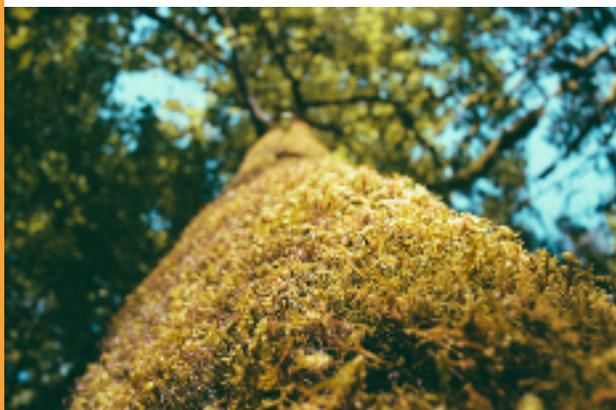
HOW WE ARE HANDLING THE PANDEMIC

All visitation to the Alabama Department of Mental Health Treatment Facilities (Bryce Hospital, Harper Center, and Taylor Hardin Secure

Medical Facility) will continue to be suspended to protect our patients from COVID-19. You may continue to maintain contact with your family member through telephone and mail communications until this

crisis has subsided. You will be kept informed of your family's status and you may contact your relative's Social Worker if you have additional questions related to his/her status.

All primary next-of-kin will be notified when visitation is able to be resumed. Your assistance with communicating this information to other family members/next-of-kin who may be approved for visitation would be much appreciated.



We want to assure our patient's families that our patients' care has not been disrupted during this time and they are continuing to receive services as they were prior to COVID-19.

ADVOCATE'S CORNER

THIS MONTH, WE ARE FOCUSING ON A PATIENT'S RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS...



Brandon Heath, Advocate

The right to due process means a patient's rights cannot be taken away without justification. Usually, "due process" refers to fair procedures. Legal standards surround the process by which those who are mentally ill can be forced, against their will, to receive treatment. Statutes for involuntary commitment through civil or criminal courts are subject to the due process clause of the 14th Amendment, which states that no person shall be "deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law." This is because involuntary commitment severely infringes on a person's right to be free from governmental restraint and the right to not be confined unnecessarily.

At Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility, a patient's right to due process additionally relates to restrictions that may be placed on patients. A patient's treatment team makes decisions about restrictions. Things that may lead to rights being removed include causing harm to self or others, refusing to take medication, or displaying behavioral patterns that cause concern. Whenever rights are restricted, a patient's treatment team explores strategies addressing the restriction and criteria for its removal. The treatment team also provides clear documentation citing the rationale for the restriction and plans for lifting the restriction.

Sending

Mail? If mailing a letter to your family member at THSMF, please make sure to include your **family member's name** in the address. Please remember, no packages are allowed.



MAY 5TH

Cinco de Mayo

MAY 10TH

Mother's Day

MAY 16TH

Armed Forces Day

MAY 25TH

Memorial Day

MAY 31ST

Pentecost

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK: MAY 6 - MAY 12

Your passion for our patients' health is appreciated every day. Thank you for all you do!



WE WANT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS

Have a question or comment about the newsletter? Contact Chloe Tilley by phone at 205-462-4543 or by email at chloe.tilley@hardin.mh.alabama.gov.

You can also mail in your questions to 1301 Jack Warner Parkway NE, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35404.