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Silver Valley Medical Center Responds to Patient Information Security Incident

Fairbanks, AK – Silver Valley Medical Center is investigating a cybersecurity incident involving unauthorized access to the hospital’s patient database.

The breach was identified approximately two hours ago, prompting the organization to immediately activate its incident response protocols to secure systems and assess the scope of the breach.

At this time, Silver Valley Medical Center is working to determine the extent of the unauthorized access, including whether **protected health information (PHI)**, personal identification, and patient payment data were affected. Because the investigation is ongoing, the full scope of the incident has not yet been confirmed. Hospital leadership is coordinating with internal IT teams, and appropriate authorities to contain the situation.

“We understand the seriousness of this situation and the responsibility we have to our patients – protecting their privacy in accordance with **HIPAA regulations** remain our highest priority and we are committed to transparency as we work to fully assess and address this incident,” **Senior Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer Dr. Alexa Fitzgerald** said.

Actions currently underway include:

- Securing all affected systems and preventing further unauthorized access
- Conducting a full forensic investigation with cybersecurity experts
- Coordinating with law enforcement to ensure **HIPAA compliance and reporting requirements** are met
- Preparing direct notification and support resources for affected patients, as required by law

SVMC is committed to providing timely updates as verified information becomes available. Updates will be shared with media outlets, posted on the hospital’s official website, and distributed across SVMC’s official social media channels, including X, Facebook, and Instagram to ensure transparency and public awareness. Patients and community members seeking additional information are encouraged to visit www.silvervalleymedicalcenter.org

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