

## The clinic will be closed on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

On August 21st, 2017, the nation will stop to look at the sky, when the first total solar eclipse to cross the united states in almost 100 years turns the world dark. We are lucky enough to reside near the path of totality, an area where the sun will be completely blocked by the moon. To celebrate this rare event and ensure patient and staff safety, we have decided to close our clinic on Monday, August 21st.



The good fortune of living near the path of totality comes with a drawback: people from around the world will flock to the area to enjoy the eclipse with us. Officials estimate anywhere from 200,000 to over a million visitors will descend upon the path of totality in Oregon, overwhelming local infrastructure. The Great American Eclipse, as it's come to be called, will cause The Great American Traffic Jam as everyone rushes to the totality band across the US.

Across the state first responders and community staff have been preparing for this unprecedented event. They are treating it like a natural disaster, warning residents to stock up on food and water several days before the eclipse, since traffic will be delayed or even impassable from congestion. Emergency personnel are planning to stage themselves throughout their region to shorten response times delayed by heavy traffic.