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Subject: COVID Testing Update

CDPHO is sharing this important update from Dr. Levin regarding increased capacity for COVID Testing at CDH's Drive- Thru Testing Center. Please also take note of the revised lab order form for COVID testing for non-Epic practices

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TO: CDHC and Community Providers

FROM: Joanne Levin, MD

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RE: Increased capacity at COVID Drive-thru Testing Center

DATE: September 16, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

Good news is hard to come by these days, but we do have some for you! Our Drive-thru Testing Center has increased its capacity, now with 2 lanes open from 9 am – 4:45pm daily.

We have also relaxed our testing criteria to include testing for travel purposes and also by "provider discretion". We do ask, though, that you fill out the order completely, including date of symptom onset and details regarding symptoms for symptomatic patients. Patients who need to come on foot or on bicycle may do so, but please note that on the order so that the staff knows to expect them. Testing can now be scheduled on the next day or further out.

For those using EPIC, order as usual. Some of you even have access to scheduling. If your staff needs more education regarding scheduling, please e-mail Evvan Mercure.

For community providers not on EPIC, attached please find the updated order sheet. Orders should be faxed to 413-582-2638. Be sure your patient's preferred phone number is included, as they will receive a call from the testing center to schedule their test.

Patients must be scheduled before coming to the testing center. To find the testing site for their appointment, one turns into CDH property at the driveway nearest to Smith Vocational School—at the blue and white sign for “Respiratory Illness Clinic”. Then follow signs with a large black “T” (for “testing”) until reaching the test site with orange road cones and the white tent. (The tent may be replaced with a stronger structure for the winter).

Please don’t hesitate to contact me with any questions

and

Stay safe!

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face



Wash your
hands



Socially
distance