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Subject: Important Notice: Pulmonary Function Testing at CDH

CDPHO is sharing the below communication regarding Pulmonary Function Testing at CDH.
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Date: 7.20.20

Dear Colleagues,

The Cooley Dickinson Pulmonary Function Testing (PFT) Lab was closed during the height of the COVID-19 Pandemic. As we re-open the lab, we want to provide the safest environment possible for our staff and patients.

Therefore, the lab staff will begin ordering COVID-19 testing through our outpatient "Drive-thru" testing program 1-3 days prior to a scheduled PFT visit. The test will be ordered per protocol on behalf of the ordering provider—YOU—and you will be responsible for receiving results and informing your patient of results within a reasonable time frame. Our microbiology lab will call you with any positive test results.

If a patient has a positive test, their PFT appointment will automatically be cancelled. The appointment could be rescheduled by you once the patient is no longer deemed infectious, but this will require a new PFT order.

When you refer your patient for PFT, please mention that a COVID-19 test will be requested and will need to be performed prior to their PFT appointment date. If a COVID-19 test is not done prior to the scheduled PFT date, the appointment will be cancelled.

Thank you so much for your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to call one of us or the PFT lab directly with any questions.

Joanne

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