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Provider Update COVID-19

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To: All Providers

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Contained in this Update:

Provisional Guidance for Testing Approval

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Provisional Guidance for Testing Approval – Please see attachment to this email

Inpatient Facilities

- Testing criteria
- Process for requesting permission to test electronically – no need to make multiple calls
- Process for collection of specimens
- Process for completion of Test Request Form
- Transport and delivery instructions

Outpatient Clinics

- Testing is not routinely available for patients in the outpatient setting right now
- Patients with respiratory symptoms should be masked
- Use standard, contact and droplet precautions for evaluation and treatment of patient with respiratory symptoms
- **Do not send to ER unless there is a clinical reason for them to be seen in that setting**
- Patients not needing treatment in the ER should be advised to self-isolate at home until 24 hours after their symptoms resolve with instructions to seek appropriate medical care should their symptoms worsen

Shortage of PPE – Update

Attached you will find the Toolkit for requesting PPE during shortages. If you would like us to include your facility in our request, you will need to use this attachment to ensure that we have the information we need to submit the request. The Toolkit includes:

- Introduction
- Pg 3, 4 – algorithm for assessment of PPE supply*
- Pg 5,6 – checklist*
- Pg 7 – Optimization strategies checklist (must be completed and signed)*
- Pg 8 – 11 – OHA Decision Matrix
- Pg 12 – Ignore (this is for OpsCenter submission, which we will do)
- Pg 13 – Order form*

Please complete this toolkit (pay particular attention to the “*” items) and return to me trish.elliott@co.hood-river.or.us. The sooner the better as OpsCenter is already receiving and distributing supplies.



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Home Care for Persons with COVID-19 who do not Require Hospitalization

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-home-care.html>

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-prevent-spread.html>

Strategies for Optimizing PPE Use

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/checklist-n95-strategy.html>

For the most up-to-date information, please see the following website. These will be updated in real time:

Oregon Health Authority:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASESCONDITIONS/DISEASESAZ/Pages/emerging-respiratory-infections.aspx>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>