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Memorandum

TO: Premier Health Managers, Providers, and Staff [AMC, CompuNet, Fidelity Health Care, MVH, MVHN, MVHS, PPN, PSS, SBHI, UVMC]

FROM: Mary Boosalis, President & CEO, Premier Health

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RE: **CompuNet, Premier Health Offer Community High-Volume Testing**

I am pleased to share that Premier Health and CompuNet Clinical Laboratories early next week will greatly expand the Moraine-based lab's COVID-19 testing capacity, with an ability to run about 1,500 COVID-19 tests per day.

This is a key step in ensuring the necessary patient testing is in place as part of Ohio's plan to ramp up many health care services. The growth in testing also will help ensure that the Dayton region has a far more detailed understanding of the extent to which the COVID-19 virus has spread in the community. Increasing CompuNet's testing capacity also will play a key role in efforts to conserve personal protective equipment (PPE) for our employees and other health care workers on the front lines.

While testing will still be prioritized based on guidance from the state of Ohio, CompuNet anticipates that it will have the capacity necessary to serve as a regional resource. More widespread availability of testing, for example, could help inform public health measures such as cohorting residents of skilled nursing facilities who have the virus. The addition of the high-throughput equipment at CompuNet's Moraine headquarters also should shorten turnaround times for all testing.

With this new robust platform, CompuNet also will no longer face potential factors that can limit its COVID-19 testing, such as availability of reagent and swabs. The lab has received assurances that it will have the testing supplies needed to support the community's needs.

This expanded capacity is the latest example of Premier Health's leading efforts to bring new tactics to Southwest Ohio as part of the region's COVID-19 response. For example:

- Premier Health and CompuNet, in conjunction with Fidelity Health Care and the University of Dayton, opened one of Ohio's first specimen collection sites on March 17, providing local residents a safe way to be tested for the virus;
- Premier Health's Miami Valley Hospital in April became the first hospital in the nation to provide convalescent plasma therapy using the Mayo Clinic's protocols;
- On May 4, Premier Health, in conjunction with CompuNet, became the first hospital system in Southwest Ohio to offer COVID-19 IgG antibody testing without a doctor's order at its specimen collection site.

We will be sharing more information later today about how this expanded testing will be incorporated into our pre-admission processes for surgeries and procedures.