



PHG COVID-19 Update: April 15

Dear Valued Providers

We want to be a resource to our Premier Health Group Independent providers. In recent days, the clinical information regarding COVID-19 has begun to slow down. Due to this, we will be decreasing the frequency of the publication.

In addition, we have created a resources page on the [PHG website](#).

Please feel free to contact us directly at **(937) 499-7441** with any questions you might have or if you would like to speak with our Medical Director, Scott Swabb, DO.

Yours sincerely,
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Plasma Donation

There is a way for those who have recovered from COVID-19 to potentially aid in our fight against this pandemic through convalescent plasma donation. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently [authorized the emergency use](#) of convalescent plasma by doctors for current patients with serious or immediately life-threatening COVID-19 infections, or those judged by a health care provider to be at high risk of progression to severe or life-threatening disease.

What is convalescent plasma? Convalescent plasma is the liquid part of blood that is collected from patients who have recovered from an infection. Antibodies present in convalescent plasma are proteins that might help fight the infection.

The treatment uses plasma taken from those who have recovered from a viral infection and injects it into those still ill with the virus. Learn more by clicking on the links below:

- [How is convalescent plasma used to help coronavirus \(COVID-19\) patients?](#)
- [How do I know if I am eligible to donate plasma?](#)
- [What do I need to do to donate plasma?](#)
- [How does plasma donation work?](#)
- [I know someone who is very ill due to coronavirus. How can I find out if convalescent plasma is an option?](#)
- [Will I be charged for costs associated with plasma donation?](#)

Please share this information with any of your patients who had a positive COVID-19 test. Premier Health was the First in the Nation to Treat COVID-19 Positive Patient Using Mayo Clinic Protocols.



United Rehabilitation Services

United Rehabilitation Services (URS) Pandemic Child Care - URS provides childcare services for children with and without special needs, ages six weeks to 17 years old. They now have a reduced cost and are accepting applications for 8 - 10 openings. [Find out more.](#)

Urgent Care Telehealth Services

In order to minimize the risk of exposure to patients who are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath, flu like symptoms), Premier Health Urgent Care locations are now offering virtual visits. No apps or special software will need to be downloaded, and no lengthy registration process is required. [Learn more.](#)

PHG Hotline Number

To assist you in assessing which patients are appropriate for screening, Premier Health has opened a command center hotline number for the independent / PHG providers in the community. **Please call 937-208-5628 and press option 4 to talk with the command center team about confirming your patient should be sent to the collection site.**