



PHG COVID-19 Update: April 8

Dear Valued Providers

We want to be a resource to our Premier Health Group Independent providers. That is why we will be sending out a daily COVID-19 email to provide updates.

In addition, we have created a resources page on the [PHG website](#). Please bookmark this page as it will be updated regularly with clinical updates and helpful resources.

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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Surge

Capacity planning continues. Over the last few days, modeling has trended towards a decrease in beds needed for an anticipated surge. While the trend is positive, we continue to plan for resources needed at maximum capacity. Peak capacity is anticipated to occur around **April 22**. These estimates remain very fluid.

Thank you to the many providers who have stepped forward to indicate their willingness to help during a surge. As we prepare, you will receive a test message via text from our OneCall system. Please look for the text and respond to validate your number. If you have responded to the survey and do not hear from us by Friday, please contact the PHG office at (937) 499-7441 and leave a voicemail with the phone number where you can be reached.

Other Information:

- We will be offering a critical care refresher course, provided by Wright State University, to providers who have volunteered. The link to Blackboard will be provided later this week.
- Emergency Department Orientations for our facilities will be sent out by Thursday.

If you are still interested in signing up, it is not too late. We are asking for your help now so we can get a feel for the size of the potential provider labor pool. Some physicians, due to the nature of their training, would be able to work in a clinical space during the COVID-19 pandemic in which they are not currently working. These temporary privileges would have to be at the facility at which you currently have privileges. We have a brief [survey](#) to capture the required information. We understand that many offices plan to remain open. **We are still asking that you complete the survey in case the situation changes.** Thank you for your help!



Hotel Discounts available for Health Care Workers

The communities we serve see and appreciate the work that you are doing and the impact you are having on lives throughout the region. Both individuals and businesses have reached out to offer their support and to thank you. While many donations are going to areas of greatest need, some are intended for individual use. Hotel discounts for health care workers and first responders are available to perhaps make life a little easier during this difficult time. Please check the webpage frequently as new hotel discounts are being added daily. [Find out 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.**