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Dear Valued Providers

We want to be a resource to our Premier Health Group Independent providers. We will continue to provide clinical and operational updates as they become available to support the provider community.

We want to ensure the brief continues to bring our providers helpful and useful information. To this end, we will release a new provider brief every other month moving forward, unless communication becomes available more frequently that we feel is vital to share with you.

Please feel free to contact us directly at **(937) 499-7441** if you have any questions.

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Clarification to the Monoclonal Antibody Infusion Therapy Order

If you are scheduling your patient to have the Monoclonal (Regeneron) infusion, please inform them that they need to allow 24 hours for a call back from the infusion center to schedule their appointment and not go to the emergency room. Please be aware if orders come in past 4 p.m., the patient can expect a call the next day.

CompuNet Offers COVID-19 Pfizer BioNTech Vaccines at Select Locations

CompuNet Clinical Laboratories has added the Pfizer BioNTech third dose vaccine to its vaccine options for individuals with immunocompromised conditions identified by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). The third dose, along with the first and second Pfizer dose, is available at five CompuNet patient service centers throughout the Dayton area. [Learn more.](#)

CompuNet Offers Additional COVID-19 Testing Location

CompuNet has added an additional collection site that will offer COVID testing for patients. The CompuNet Otterbein patient service center is offering COVID PCR swab collections during normal business hours. The location is in the Premier Health facility at Union Village, 80 North State Route 741, Lebanon, OH, 45036. [View the updated flier.](#)

Update: Screening COVID-19 Tests for Perioperative and Admitted Patients

The current spike in COVID-19 cases has persisted as we continue to see increasing numbers of cases in both the hospital and ambulatory settings. The vaccines remain a very effective way of curbing hospitalizations and deaths from the disease, but we are seeing more breakthrough cases resulting from the Delta variant. To help protect our patients and clinical teams, Premier Health will again be making modifications to their perioperative COVID-19 testing procedures, effective for procedures on or after **September 16, 2021**.

I. Outpatient and Inpatient Perioperative Testing

A. COVID test required for all procedures unless a positive test was obtained in the 180 days prior.

B. For patients with a positive test, unless contraindicated due to need, the following guidelines can be used to reschedule the procedure:

1. For asymptomatic patients or those mild to moderate illness, medically necessary procedures may be scheduled at least 10 days after onset of symptoms (or positive test), provided patient is clinically improved and afebrile for at least 24 hours.
2. For immunocompromised patients or those with severe illness, medically necessary procedures may be scheduled 20 days after onset of symptoms, provided the patient is clinically improved AND afebrile for at least 24 hours.
3. For patients undergoing procedures without a medical necessity, strong consideration should be given to delaying the procedure for 7 weeks.

Please be aware that rapid antigen tests or home tests **will not be accepted** as preoperative testing.

II. Medical/Surgical Admission (Previously Universal Testing)

A. COVID test is only required for the following patients:

1. Patients admitted with respiratory or non-respiratory symptoms suspected to be secondary to ACTIVE COVID-19 infection unless a positive test was obtained in the 180 days prior.
2. Patients being admitted to the inpatient Behavioral Health Unit unless there is documented proof of either infection within 180 days or patient being fully vaccinated.

B. Do not retest within 180 days of previous positive test unless the patient is immunosuppressed with a known new exposure or symptoms.

III. Maternity patients

A. COVID test is required only for the following patients unless a positive test was obtained within the past 180 days:

1. Patients admitted with respiratory or non-respiratory symptoms suspected to be secondary to ACTIVE COVID-19 infection unless a positive test was obtained in the 180 days prior.
2. Patients admitted with signs and symptoms suggestive of preeclampsia.
3. Any febrile illness such as pyelonephritis, chorioamnionitis, etc.
4. Any patient admitted with preterm labor.
5. VBAC
6. Scheduled C-section as per perioperative testing process