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TO: Ambulatory and Community ED Locations, Providers and Care Teams

RE: COVID 19 Update and Testing

Purpose: Update and Describe Testing Process

Points of importance:

- As of today, there are no confirmed cases of COVID 19 patients in the state of Mississippi.
- Our initial approach to all patients with symptoms or history that could be COVID 19 should be:
  - M - Place mask
  - I - Isolate
  - C - Call the Mississippi State Department of Health (DOH) 601.576.7725 (8 AM to 5 PM, M-F), 601.576.7400 (all other hours) Testing for COVID 19 is at the discretion of the DOH.
- If the patient is directed to be tested by the DOH then contact the NMMC Patient Logistics Center at 877.398.9337.

Details of Interest:

- If you have questions, please contact Julie McCord, office 662.377.3603, cell 662.401.2957, or Heather Bowen, Infection Control, office 662.377.2175, cell 662.871.2213.
- If your patients have general questions regarding COVID 19, please direct them to Nurse Link at 1-800-882-6274.

Thank you for the care you provide our patients and families.

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