



PHG COVID-19 Update: *March 26*

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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Testing updates from CompuNet

CORONAVIRUS CO-INFECTIONS: Recent literature suggests that patients may develop co-infections of SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19) with other respiratory illnesses. In response, CompuNet has modified their testing protocol to perform SARS-CoV2 testing on every patient sample regardless of the result of the Respiratory PCR Panel.

Please note that patients who previously tested positive on the Respiratory PCR panel will have the SARS-CoV2 testing added on to their sample that was appropriately stored in the laboratory. No additional order or collection should be needed unless the specimen has insufficient volume for testing. If testing cannot be performed, the ordering physician will be notified. [Click here for more information.](#)

Face Masks

CDC does not currently recommend the general public use face masks as a protective measure unless someone is ill. The most important step in preventing infection remains hand hygiene! Additional steps to help prevent disease spread include covering your cough and staying home when you are sick.

N95 masks

Please be aware that if you have purchased N95 masks and have not been fit tested, the masks may not provide any additional coverage beyond a general surgical mask. Redirecting patients to the CompuNet collection site at UD may alleviate the need for N95s in your office.



Opportunities to Assist (For Non-PPN Employed Providers)

Planning is underway for a potential surge in cases within the community. If you are an independent provider interested in assisting in the event of a surge, please send an email to PHG@PremierHealth.com and list any special qualifications you have that may be of interest. Please note that you will need to confirm your medical malpractice insurance will cover you if services are provided.

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.**

Thank You

Huge thank you to all of the providers who are using the hotline for triage assistance and CompuNet collection site at UD. Your diligence in following the CDC guidelines ensures we are appropriately conserving testing resources.