



PHG COVID-19 Update: March 27

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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Physician Credentialing for Privileges: COVID-19 Preparation for a surge

These are truly unprecedented times and we are very grateful for the outpouring of community support as we address the COVID-19 virus. We are asking for your help now so we can get a feel for the size of the potential provider labor pool. There are physicians, due to the nature of their training, who would be able to work in a clinical arena that they are not currently working during the COVID-19 pandemic. These temporary privileges would have to be at the facility that you currently have privileges.

Examples include:

- Anesthesiologists providing critical care management
- Family Medicine physicians providing emergency room OR hospitalists services.
- Medicine trained physicians providing emergency room OR hospitalists services (this includes medicine trained physicians in a specialty).
- There may be other examples

Note that if you have privileges to perform procedures, the performance of those procedures in a different location than is usual for you, does NOT require further privileging. An example would be anesthesiologists assisting with central lines in the ICU instead of the OR. As this process unfolds, there may be circumstances that require us to work through exclusive contracts. Our legal team will assist with that process.

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 future situation changes.** This will allow us to get ahead of any credentialing needs that may arise. Lastly, we can't tell you enough how much we appreciate you and the care you are providing to the community.



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Supplies

Premier Health has a team dedicated to manage all supplies related to COVID-19, including personal protective equipment (PPE) and supplies. We are actively managing our available supplies, which includes working with vendors to get all available supplies and rethinking the use of PPE in non-COVID-19 situations. [Please watch the video for the latest advice from Steven Burdette, MD.](#)

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.**