PHG COVID-19 Update: March 31

**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 <u>PHG</u> <u>website</u>. 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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# **Visitor Restrictions Update**

GDAHA has tightened visitor restrictions for Dayton-area hospitals again, effective immediately. The new policy states that maternity patients may only bring one support person to their delivery now. Previously the guidelines allowed for one support person plus a doula, but now patients are only allowed one person to accompany her to the hospital.

The one support person who accompanies her can be a doula, but in such cases, the maternity patient cannot have other family members present. Also, after the delivery, the support person may stay, but no additional visitors may come to the hospital.

We are asking for providers to discuss this new policy with all patients due in April and early May. Please <u>read the talking points</u> to aid in these discussions. Please have this discussion as soon as possible. We want to ensure all patients impacted by this policy have time to plan.

COVID-19 visitor restrictions will be rescinded when Ohio's state of emergency declaration is lifted, which is not likely for a month (or more) at the earliest.

Read the visitor restrictions in its entirety.

## Robert Colon, MD: March 20 Meeting Update

Dr. Colon shares facts and clears up some misconceptions regarding COVID-19. Listen Now.



### **Assistance During Surge**

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 that you currently have privileges. We have a brief <u>survey</u> 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.

#### **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.