



PHG COVID-19 Update: May 8

Dear Valued Providers

We want to be a resource to our Premier Health Group Independent providers. In recent days, the clinical information regarding COVID-19 has begun to slow down. Due to this, we will be decreasing the frequency of the publication.

In addition, we have created a resources page on the [PHG website](#).

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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Pre-Operative COVID-19 Testing Guidance

As we continue to ramp up services consistent with the state of Ohio's guidance, we are pleased to announce that **COVID-19 testing will be available next week for surgeries and procedures as part of the pre-operative process.**

Pre-operative testing for COVID-19: Effective Monday, May 11, for elective surgeries and procedures scheduled on/after Thursday, May 14:

- Testing is required for:
 - All surgeries and procedures requiring anesthesia
 - This includes elective C-sections and inductions
- Testing is strongly recommended for all other procedures (at the discretion of the physician)

Please note: It is the physician's responsibility to ensure results are reviewed prior to the procedure. This testing is being added to our pre-operative process to ensure the safety of both patients and staff. [Read the full memo.](#)

Patients must receive the COVID-19 test 2 days - but no more than 3 days - prior to their procedure. Please share the flier with your patients that offers details on how they can schedule appointments. [View the flier.](#) Access the [order form.](#)



Pre-Admit Testing Information

Please **inform patients that masks are required to be worn** at BOTH the UD collection center and all CompuNet locations for antibody and COVID-19 screening. [Find out more.](#)

Premier Health and CompuNet Clinical Laboratories early next week **will greatly expand the Moraine-based lab's COVID-19 testing capacity, with an ability to run about 1,500 COVID-19 tests per day.**

This is a key step in ensuring the necessary patient testing is in place as part of Ohio's plan to ramp up many health care services. The growth in testing also will help ensure that the Dayton region has a far more detailed understanding of the extent to which the COVID-19 virus has spread in the community. [Find out more.](#)