

We want to be a resource to our Premier Health Group Independent providers. As the pandemic has begun to slow, we will continue to provide clinical and operational updates as they become available to support the provider community, but not as frequently as we had before.

We want to ensure the brief continues to bring our providers helpful and useful information. To this end, we will release a new provider brief every other month moving forward, unless communication becomes available more frequently that we feel is vital to share with you.

In addition, we have created two resource pages on the PHG website:

- View COVID-19 resources
- View resources for PHG

Please feel free to contact us directly at **(937) 499-7441** if you have any questions

Yours sincerely,

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Update: COVID-19 Collection Sites

CompuNet Clinical Laboratories has announced new hours of operation and some closings at their COVID-19 test collection sites, effective **Monday**, **May 17** due to decreased demand for COVID-19 testing. In recent weeks the laboratory has experienced a drop in the number of patients with orders for COVID-19 testing for a suspected COVID-19 infection.

These changes will go into effect on Monday, May 17. Click here to view the updated flier.

Vaccine and Blood Donation

With the COVID-19 vaccine rollout ongoing nationwide, some donors and patients have questions about vaccination, blood donations and blood transfusions. AABB's experts have compiled answers to some of the most frequently asked questions.

Click here to read about the following:

- Can individuals donate blood if they have received the COVID-19 vaccine?
- Is blood labeled to indicate if it was donated by a vaccinated individual?
- Do the vaccines affect the blood supply?
- How should health care providers respond if a patient requiring a blood transfusion requests blood from a nonvaccinated person?