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URGENT GUIDANCE FOR REFERRING INDIVIDUALS FOR COVID-19 TESTING THROUGH PROVIDENCE DRIVE THRU TEST SITES

Requested Action:

1. Direct individuals to call the drive through test site hotline to determine if they meet criteria and are in the symptomatic high-risk categories for COVID-19 testing.
2. Testing will happen **only** after the individual is triaged by nurses on site and meets the required criteria including:
Fever, **AND** new cough or congestion, **AND** those in the following categories or who have the following conditions:
 - Older adults
 - Asthma, COPD or other chronic lung disease
 - Congestive heart failure
 - Diabetes
 - Other immunocompromising condition (i.e. splenectomy, HIV, Cancer)
 - Taking an immunocompromising medication (chemo, steroids, etc.)
 - Pregnant or breast feeding
 - Health care workers and first responders (need to bring ID)
3. "Worried well", not meeting the testing criteria will not be tested but will be given education on how to monitor symptoms.
4. Direct individuals to:
 - Providence Medical Group Drive Thru **Hotline 360-486-6800**
 - 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
 - Providence Medical Group's Hawks Prairie Clinic, 2555 Marvin Road NE in Lacey
 - Weekdays 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
 - Weekends 10:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Background:

The virus causing coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19), emerged in December 2019 and has since spread around the world causing a global pandemic. Eighty percent of cases are reported to be mild, but severe disease and deaths are more common in the elderly (older than 60 years) and in those with underlying health conditions. As of March 24th, there are 2469 positive confirmed cases and 118 deaths in Washington State with 31 counties reporting cases. Thurston County has had 14 positive confirmed cases reported and no deaths.

Resources:

CDC health care provider guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/index.html>

CDC Health Care Facility guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/index.html>

DOH healthcare provider and facility guidance

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020COVID19/HealthcareProviders>

Thurston County Public Health <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/phss/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

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THANK YOU FOR REPORTING

TO REPORT A NOTIFIABLE CONDITION IN THURSTON COUNTY	
Voice mail for reporting non-immediately reportable conditions (24 hours a day)	Phone: 360-786-5470 Fax: 360-867-2601
Day time immediately reportable conditions – Call detailed information to the 24-hour Notifiable Condition Reporting Line at 360-786-5470. Messages are picked up hourly. If a call back can't wait call 360-867-2500 and ask staff to locate a Communicable Disease staff.	Phone: 360-786-5470
After hours immediately and 24-hour reportable conditions or a public health emergency	Call 1-800-986-9050
No one is available with Thurston County Public Health and condition is immediately notifiable	1-877-539-4344

Communicable Disease Updates are posted online at: <http://bit.ly/CDUpdatePHSS>