

To: Our Valued Providers

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Subject: Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Summary: Up-to-date information about COVID-19 is available for health care professionals on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/index.html>

Background

The CDC is closely monitoring the outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a new coronavirus that was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China and continues to spread. On February 11, 2020, the World Health Organization named the disease Coronavirus Disease 2019 (abbreviated "COVID-19").

For any patient meeting criteria for evaluation for COVID-19, clinicians are encouraged to immediately contact the Florida Department of Health at 1-850-245-4401 to report a Person Under Investigation (PUI) for COVID-19. For patients who are severely ill with coronavirus-like symptoms, evaluation for COVID-19 may be considered even if a known source of exposure has not been identified.

Evaluation of Patients

You can access a printable resource for health care professionals for the evaluation of patients at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/identify-assess-flowchart.html> who may be ill with or who may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Number of Cases in your State

*For the cumulative number of cases in your state: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>

*Please note this is updated regularly on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact your Account Executive, or contact Provider Services at **1-800-617-5727**. Thank you.