

Weekly Update as of 5:00pm **Monday, November 16, 2020**

**Messages of the week** – As Thanksgiving approaches, please consider sharing **ways to reduce risk** with your families. The rapidly increasing number of COVID-19 cases in our community has the potential to stress the regional hospital system capacity if it continues (see regional summary below). **Small gatherings of people from different households are a primary source of transmission.** Specific resources to share on celebrating Thanksgiving safely:

CDC guidance [HERE](#)

CCHMC's Josh Schaffzin and Patty Manning produced a 2 minute video [HERE](#)

Poster with tips for celebrating safely [HERE](#)

#### UPDATES:

**Testing** - The **testing schedule** for the week of Nov 16<sup>th</sup> – Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> can be found [HERE](#). COVID Scheduling hours: M-F 7:30a-5:00p, Sat 9a-1p.

We are keeping a close watch on daily fill rates so we can add appointment slots and/or open additional testing sites when needed. Let us know if families experience issues so we can address them promptly at [Physicianservices@cchmc.org](mailto:Physicianservices@cchmc.org).

If you are sending COVID orders via EMR or fax, they **will take longer** to process. Consider using Epic Link to order COVID testing to avoid delays when families call. Need details on Epic Link ordering? Look in the **COVID 19 Outpatient Testing FAQ** (dated 10/23) [HERE](#).



**CCHMC testing capacity** is forecasted as **GREEN** (supplies are adequate, and patients are being scheduled in 1-2 days). Result turnaround is 24-48 hours.

**Interested in swabbing for COVID 19 in your office?** Swab kits can be ordered from our lab and delivered to your office. Please contact Emily Kimball [Emily.kimball@cchmc.org](mailto:Emily.kimball@cchmc.org) for details or questions.

**Patient Care:** Evidence was reviewed recently regarding the AGP algorithm. No changes were made. The current version (dated May 11, 2020) is [HERE](#).

**Practice Resources:** Have you needed to notify a patient/family of possible COVID exposure from your office? CCHMC phone and email scripts can be adjusted to meet your practice needs for contact tracing [HERE](#).

**Ohio Medicaid** has made permanent telehealth changes to policies that were adopted during COVID-19. The rules went into **effect 11/15/2020**. Slides with details are [HERE](#).

**Regional & State data summary from Andy Beck, MD** – Incidence and transmission continue to rise at alarming rates across the state of Ohio and Greater Cincinnati. There are record numbers of COVID-19 patients in hospital and ICU beds. The percentage of positive tests continues to increase across regional counties and for multiple age groups. The doubling time is still estimated as 2 and 3 weeks for our region. At our current rate, we will see double the number of daily cases (and likely a similar increase in patients in hospital and ICU beds) roughly 3 weeks from now. View the **regional data** called '*The Health Collaborative Situational Dashboard*' [HERE](#).

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|           | Weekly COVID-19 Dashboard |                                     |                                  |   |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 11/3/2020 | 66<br>Inpatients Positive | 10,782<br>Inpatients Tested To Date | 1,873<br>Non-inpatients Positive | 39,750<br>Non-inpatients Tested to Date |
| 11/9/2020 | 76<br>Inpatients Positive | 11,126<br>Inpatients Tested To Date | 2,268<br>Non-inpatients Positive | 43,066<br>Non-inpatients Tested to Date |

Non-Inpatient data Includes Emergency Department, Ambulatory, Same Day Surgery

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