



TO: Catholic Health Medical Staff

FROM: Hans Cassagnol, MD, Executive Vice President, Chief Clinical Officer & Chief Physician Executive

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RE: Reducing risk of transmission of COVID-19 virus

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We were all trained that a comprehensive physical exam was an integral part of doing an evaluation of a patient.

During these difficult times, we are asking all providers to seriously consider the actual need to examine a patient. In circumstances in which you feel you must examine the patient, please try to limit your contact to the minimum, condition appropriate exam possible. Consequently, evaluations can often be done remotely to reduce your exposure, as well as conserving personal protective equipment (PPE).

The primary care giver needs to examine the patient daily, but they should also limit their exposure as appropriate. However, if an acceptable exam has already been done by another provider that day, they too may avail themselves of the above suggestions.

Thank you again for all you do for our patients.