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MEMORANDUM

TO: All CH Medical, Nursing, ED Associates

FROM: Kenneth Martin, Manager Pathology Services & Laboratory Quality Improvement

DATE: April 3, 2020

SUBJECT: **COVID Cepheid Update**

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Effective today, the laboratory is now performing COVID testing at Main Street Campus on the Cepheid platform. We are excited that we have this ability to perform this rapid testing for our patients.

While we were able to obtain a pool of test kits to perform testing, we do not have unlimited capacity for testing at this time. The laboratory will still utilize our reference laboratories to help conserve our testing resources for select patient populations. Note that our inpatients, ED admits, associates, providers, and nursing home patients can be tested on the Cepheid platform.

To assist the laboratory with test conservation, the request slip has been revised and is included for distribution. Please provide to the clinical areas so that we can appropriately triage testing. If there are any questions please contact your site laboratory for guidance or you may reach out to me via email or phone at 349-6856.

Thank you.

Patient Label or

Name:_____

DOB:_____

COVID REQUEST INFORMATION

(Help lab save testing reagent)

1) Provider: **Order COVID** test in Soarian/ meditech/medhost

2) **Collect** swab & label

3) **Answer**- Is patient an inpatient or being admitted?
   [ ] Yes
   [ ] No

4) **Answer**- Is patient a CHS associate or provider?
   [ ] Yes
   [ ] No

5) **Answer** - Is patient from a nursing home or Clearview?
   [ ] Yes
   [ ] No

6) **Submit** this slip to lab with the specimen

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