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TO: St. Clair County Healthcare Providers, Hospital ICPs, Emergency Departments, ED Physicians, Clinicians, Pulmonologists, Long Term Care Facilities, OB/GYNs
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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ADVISORY

St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) continues to work closely with state and federal officials to monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Testing for COVID-19 has expanded in Michigan and the risk remains low locally.

Guidance:

- Healthcare providers (HCP) should:
 - Obtain a detailed travel history on patients being evaluated with fever and acute respiratory illness and **report any suspect cases** of COVID-19 to SCCHD.
 - Test for other causes of respiratory illness.
 - Educate and inform patients testing for COVID-19 that, the expectation is to self-isolate and practice social distancing including from housemates until test results are known.
 - Inform patient that isolation enforcement, monitoring, and needs assessments are conducted by SCCHD. A staff member will make contact via phone.
- Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Confirmed COVID-19 or Persons Under Investigation for COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Finfection-control.html
- www.scchealth.co for MDHHS Person Under Investigation (PUI) form.

In accordance with public health reporting guidelines, and to facilitate a rapid response HCP must **immediately** notify both infection control personnel and SCCHD in the event a patient under investigation (PUI) for COVID-19 is identified. For more information on COVID-19 go to <https://www.cdc.gov/Coronavirus/> and www.scchealth.co

Call SCCHD with questions or to report suspect cases **(810) 987-5300** during regular business hours.

Refer to the “**After Hours Emergency Contact List**” or www.scchealth.co for after-hours contact.