**Covenant Regional Practitioner FAQ**

**\*Please keep in mind that as we learn more about COVID-19 answers are subject to change.**

Q: What steps is the hospital(s) taking to protect our supply of PPE?

A: All PPE is locked up and counted daily. If you need access to PPE, please ask the Charge nurse and they will assist you

Q: Are Elective cases allowed

A: As of March 20, all elective cases have been canceled. If you

Q: Can we preform dialysis treatments in the isolation ward?

A: Yes, the Isolation ward is set up to offer all

Q: What are the current guidelines for anti-inflammatory agents with respect to COVID-19?

A: It has been recommended that the use of NSAIDS should be avoided as it can decrease the inflammatory response and drive COVID to be more severe. Current recommendation is to use Tylenol or another acetaminophen.

Q: How is Covenant handling the current blood shortage

A: Covenant is continuously monitoring our blood supply. We are working hard to conserve our supply and work diligently with our staff to ensure that we are appropriately using what we have. There is a blood drive at Covenant Children’s on 3/24, please donate if possible.

Q: Are we prepared to fast track privileging or grant disaster privileges in the event our current medical staff is unable to provide adequate coverage?

A: Yes, if a practitioner is interested in requesting privileges at any Covenant facilities they can contact Julie Barclay at [barclayjl@covhs.org](mailto:barclayjl@covhs.org) or 806.252.4735.

Q: Can medical staff offer COVID-19 testing at their offices?

A: No, currently the Health Department has designated itself as the primary testing entity for COVID-19 testing. The Health Department is currently working designate other resources to test alternatively if there is cause. It is recommended that you screen your patient using the CDS and Health Department guidelines. Be vigilant in ruling out all other possible outcomes prior to contacting or sending your patient to one of the testing locations.

Q: Is COVID-19 Airborne?

A: Per CDC and Health Department, COVID-19 is seen as Droplet transmission.

Q: What if I feel I or my staff are at risk?

A: Please contact Julie Barclay at [barclayjl@covhs.org](mailto:barclayjl@covhs.org). The Medical staff leadership will work with you to find coverage and a plan to assist during this time.

Q: If you have questions or concerns about loans and/or repurposing staff, how do you get those to administration?

A: Please send questions and concerns to [AskCovAdmin@stjoe.org](mailto:AskCovAdmin@stjoe.org)