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Weekly Provider Update--- COVID-19

This summary is to inform you of important changes to current recommendations or alert you to situations that require your awareness. It is not meant to replace the guidance documents that are being shared. Items below are simply an overview of pertinent information for the week.

- **Increased testing capacity:**

- You may have heard that a “drive-through” testing site is opening sometime next week. While we hope that we can do that, a couple of things to note:
 - Individuals will still have to meet testing criteria before they will be tested, meaning it is not a testing site for anyone that wants to be tested. Individuals will be screened prior to going to the site to ensure they warrant testing.
 - There may be a cost associated with testing; we are working with commercial labs to secure the lowest pricing possible. Our hope is that federal money will be available to provide the testing for free but those things are still being worked out.
- Please don't send patients to the health department for testing. We do not have the capacity to test patients at our health department clinic. We can work with you and your office to get you testing supplies but we don't test through our usual health department activities. If you send the patient to either hospital please make sure to call ahead to prevent exposures that could seriously impact the facilities ability to continue operations.

- **Missouri case counts:**

- The number of cases in the state of Missouri continue to increase. We expect those numbers to continue along that trend due to increased testing. The current breakdown of cases in the state can be found below. There have been 3 deaths reported. Travel related cases = 22; Contact to case = 7 and Unknown contact = 44.

COUNTY	NO. OF CASES
Boone	8
Cass	6
Christian	1
Cole	3
Dunklin	1
Greene	8
Henry	1
Jackson	5
Kansas City	12
Pulaski	1
Scott	1
St. Charles	2
St. Louis City	6
St. Louis County	12
TBD	6
TOTAL	73