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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.

- **Governor Details Show Me Strong Recovery Plan:**
  - The state's approach to recovery will be deliberate and data-driven with two initial phases intended to protect those most at risk of exposure to COVID-19 while returning Missouri to a new normal. Moving forward the recovery plan will rest on the following four pillars:
    1. Rapidly expand testing capacity and volume in the state, including testing for those who are currently contagious and those who have developed immunity to the virus.
    2. Expand reserves of PPE by opening public and private supply chains and continuing to utilize Missouri businesses in that effort.
    3. Continue to monitor and, if necessary, expand hospital and health care system capacity, including isolation and alternate care facilities for those that cannot self-quarantine at home.
    4. Improve ability to predict potential outbreaks using Missouri's public health data.
- **Expanding Testing Capacity:**
  - FDA has approved several laboratories and test kits for Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) testing. You can find the complete list attached as well as at the following website: <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/emergency-situations-medical-devices/emergency-use-authorizations#covid19jvd>
  - Testing will be a key indicator for moving forward with our recovery plan. Please take some time to determine your ability to test patients in your practice setting and aid in our recovery efforts.

**\*\*NOTE: There are several test that are being marketed that are NOT approved by the FDA; We are providing this list so you are aware of the ones that are actually approved by FDA and test that have been validated.**

- **St Francis Medical Center Closes Drive-Through Testing Site:**
  - The drive through testing site at Arena Park has been closed. Testing will still occur as before, however, the location has changed. Patients must call the hotline number prior to testing to be certain they meet criteria. The Hotline number is (573)331-4200. If they qualify they will be instructed where to go for testing.
  - Testing criteria has been broadened to help find additional cases in the community.