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Frontera Coronavirus Response Plan

Student and Patient Cardiac Screenings

Below are the guidelines Frontera is taking to meet the challenges of COVID-19. In the current climate, the health and well being of employees, customers and our communities is at the forefront of our thinking. Frontera is taking the following steps to ensure the safety of our patients and staff.

1. PATIENT QUESTIONNAIRE and SCREENING

- a. In order to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, we will ask a few “screening” questions while scheduling patients and depending on the customers protocol, either Frontera or the practice is taking the patients temperature before entering the facility. The following is a list of questions. (*fever, cough or shortness of breath, sore throat, or muscle aches/pain or chills, recent travel within last 2 weeks or exposure to COVID*).

2. PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) by Frontera Staff and Patient Requirements

- a. **MASK:** KN95 or 3-ply surgical masks will always be worn by a Frontera employee. Patients and parents will be required to wear a mask during the entire exam. If not, a 3-ply surgical mask will be provided.
- b. **GLOVES:** Clean, non-sterile gloves are worn by staff upon entry into the patient room or care area. Staff will remove and discard gloves before leaving the patient room or care area and will immediately perform hand hygiene.
- c. **HAND HYGIENE:** Hand hygiene is required before and after all patient contact, contact with potentially infectious material, and before putting on and after removing PPE, including gloves. Hand hygiene after removing PPE is particularly important to remove any pathogens that might have been transferred to bare hands during the removal process. Frontera will ensure that hand hygiene supplies such as hand sanitizer is readily available to all personnel in every care location.
- d. **GOWNS:** Clean disposable lab gowns are worn upon entry into the patient room or care area.
- e. **ENVIRONMENTAL INFECTION CONTROL**
 - i. Environmental cleaning and disinfection procedures are followed consistently.
 - ii. Routine cleaning and disinfectant procedures (e.g., using germicidal maxiwipe) after each patient encounter.
- f. **EYE PROTECTION:** Eye protection is provided to the Frontera staff (i.e., eye protection glasses or face shield that covers the front and sides of the face) upon entry to the patient room or care area.

3. SARS-CoV-2 ANTIBODY TEST (*Colloidal Gold Method*)

In the event a Frontera staff is notified that they may have been exposed to CoVID-19, Frontera has provided antibody test kits that can give them same day results. A positive test is presumed to mean a person has been infected with SARS-CoV-2 at some point in the past. It does not mean they are currently infected.

