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TO: Grant County healthcare providers, infection control staff, supervisory nursing staff, clinic management, urgent cares, and school nurses. Grant County Emergency Management

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### **COVID-19 Provider Update**

### **Required Reporting of COVID-19 Tests**

Until further notice, Grant County Health Officer, Dr. Alexander Brzezny, is requiring that all persons under investigation (PUI) of COVID-19 being tested for the virus, via commercial or public health lab, be reported to GCHD.

Cases of COVID-19 in our region are expected to increase over the next several weeks. In these early stages, it is imperative that anyone being tested for COVID-19 is reported to GCHD so that staff can conduct appropriate contact investigations in a timely manner to ensure proper quarantine of exposed individuals. Efforts to minimize the impact of this outbreak on our communities will be directly affected by our ability to identify cases and their close contacts as quickly as possible, as well as detection of any clusters of illness, so mitigation measures can be put into place to minimize spread in the community and to vulnerable populations.

To report PUIs, please fax the following information immediately (or at least daily) to GCHD:

1. Name and DOB of patient
2. Phone number of patient (or appropriate representative)
3. Date of COVID-19 test
4. Name of testing laboratory
5. Name and contact number of ordering provider

Fax attention to "COVID-19 Tests" to (509) 764-2813

### **Everbridge Alert System**

Please check for an email regarding Everbridge Alert System Registration.

GCHD is adding healthcare providers to our Everbridge Alert System. This system will be used to alert providers of Provider Alerts and other important information. Please register with Everbridge and update the way you would like to be alerted. You can choose multiple methods to be contacted such as by email and text message. If you have any questions about registration, please email Stephanie Shopbell, [sshopbell@granthealth.org](mailto:sshopbell@granthealth.org). Thank you for all you do to help keep our communities safe!