Update: 12/02/2022

AMI Team:

As always, thank you for your dedication to the patients and employees of Atlantic Medical Imaging. As we enter the cold winter months and approach the holiday season we must continue our efforts in protecting the health of the patients and employees of AMI. New Jersey, as well as many areas throughout the country have experienced an earlier start to the flu season this year. In addition, severe cases of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) as well as Rhinovirus, Enterovirus and COVID-19 are simultaneously circulating throughout the state. With these elevated levels of respiratory illness occurring throughout the area, we would like to remind everyone to continue adhering to the infection prevention guidelines previously implemented at AMI throughout COVID-19.

As a licensed healthcare facility, we are required to follow state implemented guidelines and maintain specific standards throughout our patient care locations. The current recommendation for licensed healthcare facilities is to utilize the community transmission levels to guide our infection prevention procedures. The community transmission level is a rating that considers the overall COVID case rate and the percent of positivity in the region to determine what mitigation measures are required. The rankings for community transmission levels are currently what is considered a "high level" of COVID transmission throughout the majority of counties within the state. As a result of the sustained high community transmission levels, healthcare facilities are recommended to continue safety measures like source control (masking) and the screening of staff and patients for potential symptoms of illness. We will continue to monitor the COVID activity levels in our area and work to adjust our compliance practices based on the state recommendations and requirements as they are provided to us.

REMINDERS:

Employees:

- **AMI continues to encourage all employees to prevent the spread of viral illness by staying up to date with the COVID-19 vaccination and annual Flu shot. Please reach out to employee health for resources or assistance in obtaining these.**
- **Do NOT report to work if you are feeling ill. IMMEDIATELY contact employee health and your manager if you are sick or have been exposed to COVID.**
- Continue to complete your wellness screening each day.
- Any staff member experiencing symptoms or illness must contact employee health at employeehealth@aminj.com or by phone: 609-568-9198 ext: 2856 and their manager by phone before reporting to work.

Weekly testing:

- Weekly testing is still required by the state of New Jersey for all staff who are not considered up to date on COVID vaccinations.
- We are continuing to monitor this requirement as we anticipate some updates could be forthcoming.
- Until the state officially makes these adjustments, they have advised us we are still being held to this requirement as employers. And compliance is required.

Patient Screening & Check-in:

- Continue to complete COVID screening questions (to include fever) both at the time of scheduling and on arrival to the facility.

- **Physical temperature checks of patients on arrival are no longer required**. Verbal screening for fever will continue to be included in the overall symptom screening and will be considered adequate.
- Pens at the front desk do not need to be discarded after patient use.
    - **Pens should be collected in a separate used/dirty container and cleaned appropriately with disinfecting wipes before returning to circulation for patient use.**

PPE:

- Masking is still currently required for all persons in our patient care facilities during patient care and throughout working hours.
- Currently, we do continue to recommend that patients also wear surgical masks when in the facility, covering both nose and mouth.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT:

Employee Health Issues/Questions:

employeehealth@aminj.com
Phone: 609-568-9198 ext: 2856

Patient COVID screening questions/issues:

Covidtriage@aminj.com

Weekly staff testing questions/results:

Weeklytesting@aminj.com