

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Update: 03/28/2021

Dear AMI Team:

As always, we want to thank everyone for their continued diligence in the battle against COVID-19. In January of 2021, the country began the fight to vaccinate Americans against this virus that has impacted so many of us. Yet the fight is not over, and we still must maintain continued safe practices including the use of appropriate PPE and practicing social distancing both while working in our AMI facilities as well as when out in our local communities. As the weather begins to improve, and the virus continues we all want to relax and at times may feel we can let our guard down. Unfortunately, we now must be worried about new variants and the unknown impact of those variants. AMI firmly believes it is everyone's best interest to continue with recommended precautions and become vaccinated as soon as possible. Currently NJ has the highest per capita number of cases in the country.

At AMI we are hoping to achieve 80% of our staff to become fully vaccinated by June 1st. At this time approximately 36% of our staff have been vaccinated. We are also happy to share that 98% of our radiologists have been fully vaccinated. With the supply of vaccinations continuing to increase access is expected to improve for any staff that had previously declined the vaccination and would now like to get it.

Reminders:

- Daily wellness checks including taking your temperature and completing the symptom screening are mandatory.
- Any staff member experiencing symptoms or illness must contact employee health via email at employeehealth@aminj.com and their manager by phone before reporting to work.
- Ensure you are wearing your facemask when entering and exiting the facility.
- Continue using appropriate PPE while working in AMI and any other medical facilities, public spaces, where you may be in contact with individuals of unknown status.
- Continue social distancing practices both while in AMI facilities and off shift.

CHANGES:

Patients should be being screened at the time of scheduling and again upon arrival to the office. It is imperative that each question be asked fully and answered accurately. The front desk staff are encouraged to print these questions to ensure they are being asked fully and exactly as they are listed below. This is especially important for patients that may walk into the office without an appointment or scheduled more than a few days from their current appointment.

- Screening questions that are asked of patients at the time of scheduling and front desk are being updated:
 - Do you have a sore throat, cough, or flu like symptoms?
 - Have you recently lost your sense of taste or smell?
 - Have you had close contact with anyone suspected of or positive for COVID-19?
 - Have you been recommended to quarantine in the past 10 days?
 - Yes - WHAT WOULD THE PROCESS BE?
 - No - proceed with registration
 - Have you been tested for or are you PENDING results for COVID-19?

- Negative - proceed with registration
- Positive - Check nurse screening. If not cleared the patient is to return to their car and call 609-568-9182 to reach a member of our nursing staff.
- Pending results - schedule out 5-7 days, negative result must be provided before scheduled exam.

Vaccination Information:

AMI has been actively monitoring and reporting vaccination opportunities via email to our staff. When we are able to secure dedicate resources and scheduling opportunities, they are time sensitive and require your immediate attention. We will continue to monitor options available to staff and email them as soon as possible. We are however optimistic that the Megasites have been opening additional capacity and many staff have been able to schedule themselves for appointments within days.

- SCHEDULING RESOURCES: <https://newjersey.github.io/vaccine-locations/NJ-COVID-19-Vaccine-Locations.pdf>
- Once you have received your vaccine, please report that information by completing the:
 - COVID Vaccination Reporting Survey:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=r8wgUIELLE-kSivH1hgetNOVh_xctKNOiQSQtikj-BhUNDgyUjIzMIVUN1dOUzVHNkhYSkJOQVJaTS4u
- We continue to encourage staff to speak with the radiologists if you have questions or concerns about receiving the COVID-19 vaccination. There have been many questions that have come up regarding the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine. While we understand this is a personal choice, we want to ensure everyone is making an informed decision based on reliable sources. Our radiologists and administrators are great resources and will work to find facts to help you make an informed decision regarding vaccination.
 - Below is an article supplied by Dr. Kaplan in response to questions he has received regarding fertility concerns among staff.
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2021/02/22/women-vaccine-infertility-disinformation/>

Employee Health:

- Continue to complete the “Daily Wellness Screening” PRIOR to beginning your shift each day.
- Do not report to work when feeling ill. Contact your manager and/or employee health if you are exhibiting any potential COVID symptoms.
- Please continue to reach out to Employee Health with questions and ensure you are notifying her immediately of any potential exposure or illness.
- Email group for Employee Health Issues/Questions:
 - employeehealth@aminj.com
 - Phone: 609-568-9198 ext: 2856
 - Linda cell phone- 609-204-5613 / lmaldonado@aminj.com