

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update 07/08/2020

Dear AMI Staff:

Thank you all for your efforts to ensure the safety and health of our patients and staff as we persist in our battle against COVID-19. Over the last few weeks New Jersey has continued to show a downward trend in new positive COVID-19 cases. In addition, the number of fatalities and hospital admissions in New Jersey has also decreased since the peak. As a result, New Jersey has officially entered Stage #2 of the reopening plans allowing some "Moderate Risk Activities". Unfortunately, as our local area are beginning to recover and reopen several other states across the United States are actively seeing dramatic increases. As additional guidelines continue to unfold, we at AMI will continue to actively monitor the CDC and NJ Department of Health recommendations. Stay healthy, and of course WASH YOUR HANDS!

Changes:

- Added unexplained nausea, vomiting and diarrhea to list of patient screening symptoms.
- Added Travel to "high impact" states to patient screening questions.
- Changed positive test screening question to identify test was recent and done within the last four weeks.

All Staff Reminders:

Ensure you are also wearing your facemask when entering and exiting the facility.

Continue using appropriate PPE while working in AMI facilities.

Continue social distancing practices.

Continue ensuring patients are using appropriate PPE. If at any time a patient does not observe these precautions, you should immediately contact the OA and take appropriate precautions of your own.

Continue daily Employee Wellness checks prior to arriving for work at AMI facilities.

Workflow as of 07/09/2020:

Scheduling:

All patients calling into the scheduling department will be screened for the Coronavirus by asking the following questions:

- Are you currently experiencing a fever of greater than 100.4, flu-like symptoms, new cough or difficulty breathing?
- Have you been advised in the last 14 days to self-quarantine as a result of prolonged close contact with a confirmed positive COVID-19 person or travel to an area deemed "high impact" by the state of New Jersey?
- Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the last four weeks or are you pending COVID-19 results?
- Have you had a recent loss of taste or smell?
- Do you currently have a sore throat or unexplained nausea, vomiting or diarrhea?

If the patient answers YES to one or more of the screening questions they will be placed on the schedule for Further Screening Required and a Further Screening Required (FSR) task will be generated to be worked further by the nurse triage team.

Triage Team:

- We continue to have a designated group of nurses who are assigned to working on an enhanced level of screening the patients who warrant additional investigation. Please continue to direct screening questions to this group.
- Vineland and Bridgeton are now officially live using Fuji and should be using the "FSR task" process not emails.
- Emails for specific questions regarding patient screenings can be sent to the group at "COVID Triage" covidtriage@aminj.com

Front Desk:

When a patient checks in at the front desk:

- Continue to ensure patients are wearing face masks or providing them if needed, requesting patients change gloves if they enter the facility wearing gloves.
- Continue to offer patients & visitors the option to wait in their car. This is our preferred waiting room option.
- Be sure to check the notes in the "Further Screening Required" appointment and task for details regarding the patients screening.

Employee Health:

- Please continue to reach out with employee health questions and ensure you are notifying her immediately of any potential exposure or illness.
- A new email group was created for Employee Health Issues:
 - employeehealth@aminj.com
 - Phone: 609-568-9198 ext: 2856
 - Linda cell phone- 609-204-5613 / lmaldonado@aminj.com
 - Joelene cell phone-609-415-8805 jpiccinino@aminj.com