

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Dear AMI Team:

As always, we thank you for your efforts to maintain the safety of our patients and staff at Atlantic Medical Imaging. As most are aware, the overall positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations have been continuing to rise over the last few weeks. Delta is currently the predominant variant of the virus both nationally and within the state of New Jersey. The Delta variant has shown the ability to cause more infections and spread faster than the earlier forms of the COVID-19 virus. It also has shown the ability to also cause severe illness in unvaccinated individuals. Unfortunately, some breakthrough cases have also been identified in vaccinated people as well. Due to how contagious the Delta variant has proven to be, it is essential that we are continuing strict adherence to our previously implemented infection control practices. Our goal throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has been, and continues to be, to maintain the health and safety of our AMI employees and patients. Currently, we do have a few powerful tools available against COVID-19. These continue to include vaccinations, masking, social distancing, and hand washing.

This month Governor Murphy released Executive Order #252. You will continue to be updated and changes may occur as additional guidance continues to be provided from the state DOH. We will continue to monitor the local case trends and follow recommendations from the CDC & DOH. Please continue to abide by all AMI policies to reduce the risk of exposure and limit the spread of COVID-19. Over the past two weeks individual communication has been sent via email based on your vaccination status. If you have not yet responded to that correspondence, please do so immediately. Staff will continue to receive emails specific to current vaccination status. If you have not reported your status, you may not be receiving all necessary information to comply with requirements from the mandate. Please ensure you are reviewing and responding to this information as instructed.

UPDATES:

- Vaccination Reporting- If you have not already done so, please send copies of COVID-19 vaccination cards to the following email address: covidvacc@aminj.com
- NJ EO 252- Multiple emails containing very detailed information has been sent over the last week regarding our required compliance with this executive order. Please ensure you are reading these emails and completing all requests.

Employee Health:

- You must continue to complete the "Daily Wellness Screening" PRIOR to beginning your shift each day. We have been seeing low compliance with submission of Wellness Screening, this is monitored daily by our Employee Health RN's and reported to Senior Leadership. Your managers will be rounding and reminding you to complete your Wellness Screening, however it is your responsibility to complete this at the start of each shift. This is for the health and safety of all AMI employees and MUST be completed daily.
- Do NOT report to work when feeling ill.
- Contact your manager and/or employee health if you are exhibiting any potential COVID symptoms, are pending COVID results OR if you were notified of an exposure.

- Please continue to reach out to Employee Health with questions and ensure you are notifying EH immediately of any potential exposure or illness.
- Email group for Employee Health Issues/Questions:
 - employeehealth@aminj.com
 - Phone: 609-568-9198 ext: 2856

Reminders:

- Social Distancing- Please ensure you maintain adequate social distancing during your time both inside and outside AMI facilities. During break times, when masks are removed to eat, please ensure you are providing adequate space between yourself and other employees also on break. We encourage you to take breaks outdoors whenever possible.
- Hand Hygiene- You should perform hand hygiene 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.
 - HCP should perform hand hygiene by using hand sanitizer with 60-95% alcohol or by washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Personal Protective Equipment Use
 - Staff are to maintain appropriate use of PPE while working in AMI and any other medical facility, public space, etc.
 - When employing extended mask use, please ensure that you are utilizing a new mask each shift.
 - Ensure you are wearing your facemask when entering and exiting the facility.
 - Frequently utilize hand washing and hand sanitization.

Vaccinations:

- If you are interested in becoming vaccinated access to vaccines has been more readily available including walk-in options at some pharmacy locations. Here is an updated link <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/finder>.
- A 3rd dose of vaccine or a “Booster Shot” has been approved for Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. These 3rd doses are currently being recommended by CDC/NJDOH for moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals. More information regarding booster recommendations can be found at: <https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/testing-and-treatment/who-should-receive-additional-covid-19-vaccine-doses>.

Thank you,

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