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RE: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Dear Culinary Provider:

As known since antiquity, social distancing is a very important component of disease outbreak management. The consideration of elective procedure delay has been included in recommendations made by the CDC (Feb 26, 2020 Press Briefing Transcript).

The health of Culinary Health Fund participants and our whole community is important to us all. Please consider whether delaying nonessential, elective procedures would benefit your patients. Please discuss risks and benefits of any procedural delay with your patients. Doing so now, before mandated by authorities, may reduce potential exposure to COVID-19 and preserve health care facility capacity to respond to more medically ill patients in our community.

In a similar vein, please follow ongoing recommendations for screening patients and working with the Southern Nevada Health District (SNHD) to ensure their care is coordinated in the right location at the right time.

For patients who are positively screened for COVID-19, please coordinate with the SNHD and do not send the patient to the Culinary Health Center. If they are clinically ill, please send to a hospital ER.

The CDC recommends discouraging well people from visiting emergency departments requesting testing. Currently commercial lab testing is coming online here in Southern Nevada this week. We expect CPL to have their test ready by Wednesday, March 11, 2020. We will share details with you as soon as we have them. In the meanwhile, please do not send patients to the Culinary Health Center for testing.

Please stay informed as the Coronavirus Disease 2019 outbreak situation changes daily. The CDC maintains valuable guidance for healthcare professionals here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/index.html>

Southern Nevada Health District encourages anyone with concerns to call the General Public Helpline at (702) 759-INFO (4636). The number is live Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for COVID-19 questions. The SNHD main number is (702) 759-1000.

<https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/coronavirus/>

If you have any questions, please contact Healthcare Services at (702) 892-7313, option 2.

Sincerely,

Culinary Health Fund