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<b>To:</b>	All AmeriHealth Caritas DC Providers
<b>Date:</b>	March 23, 2020
<b>Subject:</b>	Referring a Patient (< age 22) for Children’s National Hospital COVID-19 Drive Up/Walk Up Testing (Specimen Collection)

Primary care physicians/providers can refer a patient to be tested for COVID-19 via a new process recently implemented by Children’s National Hospital. The provider should confirm via telehealth or remote connection that their pediatric patient requires testing.

Referred patients up to 22 years of age can drive up or walk up to the specimen collection site located on the campus of Trinity University, 125 Michigan Avenue NE, Washington, DC.

The site will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday 3/22, Tuesday 3/24, Thursday 3/26 and Saturday 3/28, weather permitting. **Only children with referrals will be tested.**

Patients should not and cannot bring specimens with them. Specimens from the patients will be collected at the site by medical staff. The specimens will then be evaluated by Quest Laboratories and results will be returned to the referring physician and the Department of Health in approximately 3-5 days.

Please see below for details, which have been copied directly from Children’s website:

<https://childrensnational.org/healthcare-providers/refer-a-patient/mobile-testing>

## Steps for Referring a Patient for Drive Up/ Walk Up Specimen Collection

1. Confirm via telehealth or remote connection that a pediatric patient requires testing
2. Fill out the online [COVID-19 referral form](#)  
Submission of the form automatically triggers a confirmation email to the guardian and to you. The guardian will need to show this email on their phone to gain entry to the collection site.
3. Ensure necessary paperwork is filled out  
In order to ensure that all the paperwork is with the patient when they arrive at the test site, there are two options: either the physician completes the paperwork OR the guardian does.

### If the physician is completing the paperwork:

1. Download and complete the [Quest COVID-19 Test Requisition](#)
2. Print two additional items: the consent\_(PDF) ([English](#) | [Español](#)) and the notice of privacy (PDF) ([English](#) | [Español](#))
3. Safely transfer the documents below to the parent:



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- a. Completed requisition
- b. Consent
- c. Notice of privacy

### **If the patient is completing the paperwork:**

- The email confirmation will include the referral as an attachment as well as instructions for completing the required documents. Parents will need your NPI and fax number on the requisition. That information will be included in the referral attachment.

### **Scheduling the specimen collection:**

- To organize scheduling at the collection site, please select a date and time block to report to the collection site on the referral form and remind parents to bring the required papers.

## **Forms to Bring to the Drive Up/ Walk Up Specimen Collection Site**

The parent/guardian will need to present these items in order to register at the specimen collection site:

- Referral (can be shown on the phone)
- Signed consent (paper)
- Quest COVID-19 test requisition (paper)
- Valid photo ID

Please have the parent/guardian complete all paperwork prior to arriving at mobile site to optimize efficiency. They must have their referral and photo ID with them. Extra copies of the required signed consent form and test requisition will be available on site. Each patient must have their own packet, even if they are in the same family.

## **Your (Referring Provider's) Responsibility Following the Test**

- Report the findings to the patient\*
- Provide clinical follow-up (find more information on our [physician resources](#) page)

**\*Quest Laboratories will report positive tests to the appropriate DOH and to the referring provider.**