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A Note to Our Patients about the Coronavirus – from Deb Brinson, CEO & Dr. Nikhil Hemady, CMO

Over the past few days, many of you have been aware of the news of the confirmed cases of COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) in Michigan. At Honor Community Health, your health is our first priority and we committed to the well-being of our patients, staff, and community. Here at Honor Community Health, our health teams meet daily, are in constant contact with, and are receiving guidance from the Oakland County Health Department, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Currently, there is a shortage of viral testing kits not just at Honor Community Health, but also at many other health centers countywide. We are however able to provide testing to a small number of our established patients who need to be tested and have underlying medical conditions. At this time, we encourage patients to stay home if you are not feeling well, and call us at (248) 724-7600. Our staff will help triage your symptoms over the phone and provide health assistance, as well as needed community resources.

We can all work together to contain the further spread of the virus by practicing and encouraging others to continue to use healthy habits. We would like to share the advice of the Oakland County Health Department and the CDC:

- Wash your hand often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with hands
- Avoid shaking hands and hugging
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you are sick, you should remain at home at home until 24 hours after your fever has ended without the use of fever-reducing medicines

We appreciate your cooperation, support, and patience as we work together to ensure the health and safety of our patients, staff, and families. While we are not closing our doors or services, we are limited in the number of resources we are able to provide and strive to keep our communication channels updated and open through means such as social media and our website honocommunityhealth.org. We assure you that we are here to guide you on how to utilize current resources and how to take care of yourself and your family. Please feel free to reach out to us at (248) 724-7600 with health questions or concerns.

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