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From: Brian Ledley <bledley@pmhnet.com>
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To: staff@pmhnet.com
Subject: [STAFF] COVID-19 Updates

Good evening everyone,

Here a few updates from the COVID-19 Pandemic Task Force:

1. Earlier this week, the Winamac Town Council decided to rescind their mask-wearing ordinance. With the Pulaski County Commissioners' Executive Order still in effect, there has been a lot of confusion within the community. To clarify, the County's order supersedes any town ordinance with regards to mask-wearing. Therefore, it is still a requirement that individuals wear a mask while out in public. The Town Council decided to rescind their order because they felt it was duplicating the County's order, and therefore unnecessary. We ask that all PMH associates continue to be good examples for the community and wear a mask while in public. If you have any questions, please reach out to me, and I will provide any info I can.
2. With Governor Holcomb's Executive Order granting hospitals the ability to perform elective procedures again, a new subcommittee has been formed to plan what this will look like for PMH. Bryson Minix, Vice President for Patient Access, is leading this subcommittee. Under direction from the COVID-19 Pandemic Medical Task Force, this team is looking at various options on how we can provide the quality care our community expects, while keeping our patients and staff safe. Leadership Team members were sent an email earlier today (Thursday) asking for service providing departments to develop a plan that would allow for their services to be performed while still maintaining social distancing. Emphasis is being placed on scheduling as many patients as possible for their procedures. While this will be a change with how PMH does things, our patients will also need to be "re-trained" as well. The team has developed scripting for Providers, Clinic Staff, Patient Access Staff, and Admissions Staff to try to educate our patients as much as possible. I will also look at getting a press release into our local newspapers and going live on the radio to spread the message.
3. With the hospital beginning to transition back to providing elective services to our community, the CPMTF and CPTF have decided that departments may resume normal scheduling procedures. This means managers, effective immediately, can schedule their staff based on the needs of their department. A&B teams, associates working from home, and any other scheduling practice departments used to socially distance their staff, can be ended at this time. While it remains the department manager's decision when they decide to adjust their scheduling practices, it is presumed that all departments will move back to their regular schedules by the beginning of the May 30th pay period. If you have any questions regarding your schedule, please speak with your manager.

Thanks,

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