



Dear Members,

As follow-up on our most recent email RNA leadership will be sending out updates as new information becomes available regarding nursing workflow and health & safety in the workplace. Additionally we will be helping to share information and resources directly from UC Health.

All information will be housed on our resource page, please feel free to share with co-workers! Visit our resource page information from RNA/ONA, CDC/ODH, & UC Health. <http://www.cincynurses.org/resources/covid-19/>

In the email below you will find updated and expanded respiratory fit testing times, resource updates from UC Health, and ONA informational updates.

As always please feel free to reach out to RNA for any additional resources or any labor related questions rna@cincynurses.org

The extended fit testing availability for the week:

MICU:

Tuesday 7a-7p

Wednesday 7a-7p

Thursday 7a-7p

Friday 7a-7p

4th Floor Ridgeway:

Tuesday 3/10: 1330-1500

Wednesday: 1400-1530

Thurs: 1000-1230

Friday: 1100-1330

4th Floor RW, room 4114. If no one sitting in the room, they can go to the 4RW HUC desk and ask for assistance.

Employee Health:

Please call 585-6600 to schedule. Hours at B Pavilion: Wednesday: 8-12 and 1-7

Employee Health will have open fit testing (No appointment necessary) Thursday and Friday at the EH Office, Business Center, A Level South Entrance:

Thursday: 7:00- 4:30

Friday: 7:00- 3:30

Attached are two new update links from UC Health

1) Lab Testing Procedures

This is a very helpful resource please review.

2) COVID-19 General updates

This includes HIPPA reminders.

UCMC has established a hotline for immediate patient care needs or questions as a resource for RN's. Call **(513) 584-WASH** to reach a member of the COVID-19 leadership response team.

ONA Updates from Ohio Department of Health and Governor's Office

- As of Monday, there are three confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ohio. All are in Cuyahoga county. The local health departments are investigating the contact history of those Ohioans.
- Stakeholders mentioned the concerns of PPE shortages. State is looking into increasing PPE. ODH did say the state of emergency declaration allows the state extra purchasing power.
- **Every day at 2pm, ODH updates their website with the latest COVID-19 testing and confirmed cases numbers.**
- Testing in Ohio has been limited, but ODH expects increases in testing because of broader diagnostic criteria.
- The state is requiring its agencies to cancel large in-person gatherings.
- The state is asking its state employees to limit travel to just necessary in-state travel.
- The state is also looking into telehealth measures included with Medicaid now that Medicare is accommodating telehealth.
- ODH is working with OHA to provide guidance on testing for people who are not hospitalized. Primary care offices likely do not have the proper PPE to conduct testing.
- If someone suspects they have the virus, stay home and call their primary care provider for guidance.
- The ODH is working on additional guidance for employers and checklists for folks who have family in long-term care settings.

In Solidarity,

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