UPDATES as of March 19, 2020 from GA DPH, CDC, and GA DCH:

Hello GSLA Providers and Industry Partners,

Below and attached is the latest information available from DPH and CDC. As you review the information, please know that ALC and PCH providers are recognized healthcare providers. The staff person on the video just mentions nursing homes. As for PPE, I am told that it is prioritized for healthcare providers with clients that have tested positive with the virus. When completing the excel sheet, please be sure to read the instructions carefully highlighted in yellow below.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me should you have immediate questions or concerns during this time. I'll continue to share information with you as it comes in.

You are ALL doing a Great Job! Hang in there! Genia

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Dear Healthcare Partner,

The Department of Public Health (DPH) is standing up remote specimen point of collection sites (SPOCS) around the state for COVID-19. The purpose of these sites is to collect specimens from mildly ill people (symptoms of respiratory illness (i.e. fever, cough, shortness of breath) who do not require medical care or hospitalization and fall into one of the prioritized groups below. The specimens collected at these sites will be sent for testing at either a commercial laboratory or the Georgia Public Health Laboratory.

Per DPH and federal guidelines, the people who should be prioritized for testing at these remote Specimen Collection Centers include:

- Healthcare workers and other first responders who are critical for caring for our nation during this epidemic, and who frequently interact with vulnerable populations.
- People working with and caring for vulnerable populations, such as long-term care facility staff.
- People living in congregate settings where the disease can spread rapidly

Due to limitations and availability of test kits, it is imperative that clinicians refer people to these sites that meet these guidelines.

The attached documents explain the testing priorities for these sites and instructions for
using the referral system. The link to access the referral system does not require a password and is found on both documents. Thank you for all the work you are doing on the front lines of this pandemic.

COVID-19 Testing Priorities  
Specimen Point of Collection HCP Flow Chart  
SPOC Data Instructions for Healthcare Providers

CDC UPDATES:

- Recommendations on Adult Elective Surgeries, Non-Essential Medical, Surgical, and Dental Procedures During COVID-19 Response
- CDC’s COCA Call Recording - Update and Information for Long-term Care Facilities

DPH Updates

- Emergency Declaration HC Providers Fact Sheet  
- Emory PPE COVID-19 Resources Page  
  Printable donning/doffing guide and conservation measures

Thank you, Alex

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