Guidelines for use of Phlebotomy and Lab Services during COVID Response

I. Testing for COVID
   a. Follow COVID Screening Algorithm and Testing Criteria
   b. COVID testing to be provided by referral at Urgent Care, ED and through Curbside at HealthNet (Fairgrounds).
   c. Do not send COVID suspect, Person Under Investigation or COVID positive patients to an Outpatient Draw Site

II. Outpatients with acute respiratory symptoms and/or who have a fever OR are confirmed COVID positive or PUI needing Lab Services
   a. Any testing (phlebotomy, swabs, urines) to be obtained at site of care, e.g. office, UCC, ED.
   b. Do not send patients with respiratory symptoms and/or fever to the an Outpatient Draw Site

III. All other patients
   a. Consider delaying testing that is non urgent.
      i. For testing that is not time sensitive (lipids, periodic BMP’s, etc) – defer.
   b. Actively manage future and standing orders, providing patients direction on where to receive services or if order can be delayed.
   c. For acute care, e.g. abdominal pain, AKI, Anemia – send to Outpatient Draw Site per normal process
      i. Any person with an acute illness or time-sensitive testing who has respiratory symptoms (specifically low suspicion COVID) AND cannot receive testing at site of care, the patient must wear mask before receiving services
   d. For non-acute care, time sensitive testing (Is it essential to know this in the next 1 – 28 days?) – use resources as usual

This process will be continually evaluated and adjusted as necessary.