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COVID-19-Updated Diagnostic Imaging Services at Mayfair Diagnostics Regina Clinic

Dear Colleagues,

Further to our update to you of March 24, 2020, this communication is intended to update you with information regarding new changes to our diagnostic imaging service provision for your patients at the Mayfair Regina clinic.

Effective today, Friday April 17, 2020:

- X-ray, ultrasound services, private MRI services and public MRI services are all available by appointment only. We will be offering appointments for essential services only at this time.
- Walk in X-ray will remain unavailable until further notice.
- Our services are now open Monday –Friday, 08.00 to 17.00.
- During these opening hours, we will book patient appointments according to the following criteria, to ensure the safety of your patients:
 - Between 08.00- 13.00, appointments will be reserved for patients who are 'green' on our screening process.
 - Between 13.00- 15.00, appointments will be reserved for patients who screen 'yellow' or 'orange' for some COVID-19 symptoms.
 - Between 15.00- 17.00, appointments will be reserved for patients who screen 'red'-i.e., they have a COVID-19 positive diagnosis.
- When you wish to book an appointment for **X-ray**, please call our Regina clinic directly at 306-569-1016 extension 1.
- When you wish to book an appointment for **Ultrasound** or **private MRI**, please call 306-569.9729.
- You will be asked to fax the requisition directly to us at 306-569-3337.
- Patients will be informed on which building entrance and parking they should use.

Risk Level Algorithm

Symptoms	Risk Factor	Risk Level Color Code
NO	NO	GREEN
YES	NO	YELLOW
NO	YES	YELLOW
YES	YES	ORANGE
COVID POSITIVE		RED

*NOTE: Risk assessment is based on current risk level (triage and staff protocols for yellow/orange has narrowed and will be indistinguishable to these patients will all be considered intermediate or indeterminate risk

Enhanced Screening Processes

Please rest assured that we are doing everything we can to work closely with our health partners to provide a high quality service to patients, while ensuring we have enhanced protocols and health and safety equipment in use. The situation is subject to change given the uncertainty of the circumstances and but we will update you in a timely basis.

Regina - Essential Service Exams

This list is subject to change. It is important to ensure you are referring to the most recent version at all times (refer to date in name of document and footer). If there are any questions about a particular exam, please consult with the Regina onsite Radiologist.

- Abdominal or KUB exam with the following keywords: abdominal pain, bloating, aortic aneurysm (AAA) - only in acute setting with abdominal pain, pancreatitis, gallstones, cholecystitis, perforation, appendicitis, renal stones, obstruction, renal failure or abscess
- Acute injury (any part of the body, including acute tendon and muscle tears, fractures)
- All chest x-rays except routine screenings (No query COVID-19 chest x-rays)
- All exams to rule out foreign bodies
- All obstetrical exams
- Fever (can occur with other infections besides COVID-19)
- Lower or upper venous exams: DVT
- Osteomyelitis - x-ray only (P1 & P2 for MRI not currently performed in the community)
- Pelvic exams with the following key words: pelvic pain, ovarian cyst, ovarian torsion, appendicitis, perforation, retained products of conception (RPOC), or vaginal bleeding
- Scrotal exams with the following keywords: pain or torsion
- Septic arthritis
- Soft tissue neck exams with the following key words: sore throat, foreign body, epiglottitis

If you have other specific questions about a patient referral or the current Essential Services Exams, please call 306-569-9729.

Role of diagnostic imaging for COVID-19:

- Chest x-ray and Chest CT are not for diagnosis of COVID-19 and cannot be used to exclude COVID-19 infection.
- Chest x-rays are not for routine use in the workup of suspected COVID-19 patients. Diagnostic testing for COVID-19 positive patients should be triaged via a SHA COVID-19 Assessment and Treatment clinic.
- Chest CT is used only in the hospital setting to look for complications.
- Emergent/urgent community imaging for known COVID-19 positive patients should consider whether findings are likely to alter management and advanced notification is strongly recommended.

Unnecessary or avoidable imaging increases community exposure risk without benefit to the patient and exhausts critical personal protective equipment (PPE) resources.

Sincerely,
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*Based on recommendations from the Canadian Association of Radiologists and the Canadian Society of Thoracic Radiology and supported by the Medical Imaging Position Statement from the Saskatchewan Health Authority