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To: Urgent Care Clients

Re: Covid-19 Swab drop off on the Weekends

We have recognized a need for testing over the weekends due to surgeries or flights scheduled early in the week. We want to accommodate but need your help. We currently do not have the workforce to test large amounts of specimens on Saturdays and Sundays, so we ask that you only drop off specimens that meet the specific requirements below.

- *Patients that are flying out early in the week.*
- *Surgeries that are scheduled early in the week.*

PLEASE PROVIDE THE DATE WHEN FLIGHTS OR SURGERIES ARE SCHEDULED. We will do our best to accommodate.

If PCR method is not necessary, order testing as a **Covid-19 swab**. We perform two different methods. Test codes are often chosen by which reagent is currently available. Reagent availability continues to be a struggle.

We have a refrigerated drop off location located at the Southside Door labeled Service Entrance. Our courier cars are parked near this location. A locked black cabinet contains a refrigerator. A magnetic key box is located on the side of it. Unlock the cabinet. Place the specimens inside the fridge. Lock the cabinet back and replace the key.

Please see our website for more information about our lab. www.thepathlab.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Goos at sgoos@thepathlab.com or 337.312.1287.

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