April 23, 2020

Dear Community Partner Organization,

We continue to work hard, addressing issues as they arise related to COVID-19, while also preparing for possible situations to come.

A few updates for you this week:

- We are very excited to hear the Governor’s announcement that Minnesota should soon have the capability to test up to 20,000 people per day! The expanded testing is the result of a partnership between the University of Minnesota, the Mayo Clinic, and Health Partners, and is expected to make it possible to test any individual showing symptoms of COVID-19.

- For now, Essentia Health has COVID-19 testing sites at remote locations in Virginia and Duluth. Hospitalized patients are being tested in the emergency department.

- We continue to track and analyze the county-specific data we are receiving. You can find our COVID-19 summary sheet updated on our website each weekday by early afternoon.

I will continue to contact you at a minimum of once per week. Please remember I am here as a resource for you. If you’re encountering any COVID-19 questions or challenges, I am available by phone or email, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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**St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services**

*is here to work alongside you as you navigate response to COVID 19. Your organization is a key partner in protecting and promoting community health!*

As the COVID-19 situation rapidly evolves, find accurate, up to date information here:

- [Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)]
- [Centers for Disease Control (CDC)]
- [St. Louis County COVID-19 information]