SUBJECT: Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance

Dear PMBC Licensees:

As the public health battle against COVID-19 continues, your help in slowing the spread is critical. COVID-19 affects us all -- friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. That's why it so important that we wear a mask, wash our hands, maintain physical distancing and don't gather with people we don't live with.

Most recently, the California Department of Public Health's (CDPH) issued updated testing guidance. The guidance outlines different tiers to help determine who should be tested given the current context of the COVID-19 pandemic in California. We encourage you to review this guidance and assist in testing by ensuring your patients who need to be are tested.

You can access the new <u>COVID-19 Industry Guidance for testing</u> on CDPH's website.

DCA has developed a testing priority flyer to be placed in provider offices. You can download and print the flyer <u>here</u>.

Please ensure you are following the guidance provided by CDPH and your local county requirements. For the most up-to-date information about COVID-19 and best practices on preventing its spread visit the covid19.ca.gov website.

DCA maintains a list of <u>waivers and guidance</u> on their Coronavirus page at <u>www.dca.ca.gov</u>. Specific information for PMBC licensees can be found on our webpage at <u>www.pmbc.ca.gov</u>

Thank you for doing your part in helping California slow the spread of COVID-19. Our collective actions will save lives.