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Dear Health Care Colleagues,

Re: Mandatory Reporting Requirements

I am writing to impress upon each of you the Code of State Rules' requirement requiring, "Health care providers and health care facilities **shall report** cases of Category I diseases or conditions...by telephone to the local health department serving the patient's county of residence **immediately.**" **IMMEDIATELY REPORT COVID-19 POSITIVE TESTS TO THE KANAWHA-CHARLESTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT.** During the Coronavirus epidemic, KCHD has a 24-hour Coronavirus hotline. That number is 304-348-1088.

This enables local health department personnel, working with our partners, to conduct the epidemiological surveillance required to control this epidemic. I am disappointed some providers have announced positive cases on social media before informing KCHD.

We will be issuing a forthcoming order to reenforce the Board of Public Health reporting rules.

Sincerely,

Sherri Young, DO, FAAFP
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