

**To:** St. Joe's Ann Arbor and Livingston Medical Staff  
**From:** Michael Kasotakis, MD, System Chair, Department of Radiology & Meghan Glabach, CNMT, RN, MSN, Regional Director, Radiology & Neurosciences  
**Subject:** Radiology Ramp-up of Services Plan  
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The Department of Radiology is slowly ramping-up our services and diagnostic imaging. This will include postponed and delayed **time-sensitive** radiology exams and procedures. We understand the effect that the recent COVID-19 pandemic has had on your ability to provide imaging and procedure care to your patients. We are committed to doing this in the safest possible way. We are working under the guidance of Trinity Health and recent recommendations from the CMS (Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services) on reintroducing Non-Covid-19 care (NCC) into our facilities.

#### Effective Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>

- All clinically symptomatic and time-sensitive diagnostic radiology studies including CT/MRI/US/X-ray/PET/and Nuclear Imaging studies will be re-introduced.
- Time-sensitive IR (Interventional Radiology) and Fluoroscopy cases will be re-introduced.
- We will continue to assess and add screening examinations once we feel it is safe to do so. We expect to add these back within the coming month.

#### What you need to know:

##### Diagnostic Imaging

- Diagnostic imaging patients will be screened for symptoms of COVID, but not tested.
- All patients entering the facility for imaging will be required to wear a mask.
- Brighton and Canton patients will be pre-screened 2 days prior to their exam. If they report symptoms, they will be redirected to our main campus locations.
- All patients will be screened at the main entrances of both hospitals. Those patients presenting with symptoms will be directed back to their car for registration. They will be safely escorted directly in to the exam room, and be escorted directly out.
- Visitor restrictions will remain in place for the near future.
- Gaps in between appointments to allow for social distancing in our waiting areas.
- Removal of furniture in waiting areas to allow for appropriate social distancing.

##### Interventional and IR Procedures

- All IR (interventional) patients will be sent for pre-procedural testing 48 hours prior to their procedure. They will be instructed to self-isolate after testing until the date of their procedure.

Thank you for your understanding in these most difficult of times. We look forward to working with you as we ramp-up our radiology services to your patients in the safest manner possible. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. The radiology department ramp-up plan will likely evolve as we gain new information and insight into the COVID pandemic.

In good health,

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