



Dear First Responder Partner,

Many providers have asked whether they will be notified if a patient they transported to a Steward Hospital tests positive for COVID-19. In response to your questions, I wanted to highlight Steward's policy for communication of COVID-19 positive test results to First Responders.

When a Steward facility diagnoses a patient as having COVID-19 based on a positive test result, and the diagnosis was unknown at the time the First Responder transferred the patient to the hospital, the hospital Infection Control Practitioner (ICP) shall notify the Designated Infection Control Officer (DICO) for the First Responder agency who transported the patient to the hospital. This notification will be made orally and within 48 hours of the diagnosis.

Upon notification, the DICO shall notify the First Responders according to their state law requirements.

Please feel free to contact your local Steward Hospital ICP with any specific questions.

Respectfully,

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