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A2Z DIAGNOSTICS POLICY REGARDING PREPROCEDURAL TESTING FOR COVID-19

There is a national shortage in preprocedural testing capabilities for COVID-19 caused by significant shortages in COVID-19 testing reagents as well as the increasing amount of procedures being performed in the outpatient and inpatient forum.

If you are a client of A2Z client for preprocedural testing, the following protocol is being instituted as of July 20, 2020.

*If you are a NY based practice, as per NY mandate, all preprocedural testing must be done 5 days prior to any planned procedure and the specimen must be received at A2Z Diagnostics within 4 days of the planned procedure date.

*If you are a NJ based practice, as per state mandate, testing is allowed 6 days before a planned procedure. For example, if a procedure is planned for a Thursday, Friday or Saturday, the swab must be taken on the Monday of that week. If the procedure is planned for a Sunday, Monday or Tuesday the swab must be taken on the Thursday of that week.

Following this procedure will not only allow testing to be completed in a timely fashion but also to account for repeat testing in patients where specimen results were either indeterminate or quantity not sufficient (QNS).

If this protocol is not followed, then we cannot guarantee that a result will be available on the procedure date.

This rule is without exception. Please refrain from contacting the lab to run a STAT preprocedural test.

We are currently running 4 platforms for COVID-19 testing. Our Lab is imminently waiting for our 5th FDA/EUA approved platform, being validated in multiple states. Hopefully when this occurs and reagents are available, we may then be able to modify the above policy at that time.

Please be aware that this is clearly related to a lack of reagents in all platforms for COVID-19 testing. We appreciate your continued support in A2Z Diagnostics.

If you have any further question on this protocol, please feel free to contact us at A2Z Diagnostics.

Sincerely,
A2Z Diagnostics