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HEALTH ALERT: Reminder to Report COVID-19

Dear Colleagues,

Just a reminder from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) that COVID-19 is a reportable disease. If you make a diagnose of COVID-19, either from a positive test result or from clinical presentation, please be sure to enter the diagnosis into the Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS) or notify the Ottawa County Department of Public Health (OCDPH) via fax at 616-393-5767. Please include any pertinent demographics, lab reports and office notes. This will allow OCDPH to complete the necessary contact investigation and surveillance measures, as well as inform the patient concerning public health requirements related to COVID-19.

Thank you for your cooperation. Hopefully you and your family - - and your patients - - are staying healthy during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

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