

Child Health Primary Care Approaches, 3/16/20

- We are limiting all *non-essential* primary care visits in keeping with social/physical distancing
- For now (next 2 weeks at least) *Essential* visits include newborn visits and preventive care (well child care “check-ups”) at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, and 1 year; and catch up visits for those missing their primary immunization series.
- Telemedicine visits are a priority—successfully working to establish that ability across all of our region’s primary care practices as well as pediatric specialty practices (cardiology, pulmonology etc.)
- Practices are open to care for sick patients who need attention, but as many patients who can stay at home and can be assessed and triaged for home care is the priority
- Testing ability for Coronavirus is limited but will change in the next week and recommendations will be changing then as well. For now, testing is limited primarily to the hospital, ED and urgent care settings for patients who are sick and may need hospitalization or ED level care.
- As of this morning 3/18/20, we have *no* children or youth hospitalized with coronavirus at the children’s hospital.

We are working TOGETHER in pediatrics and child health across the entire region—this is a good thing. Thanks for your partnership!