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Dear Clinicians,

Thank you for your commitment to adhering to the newly outlined precautionary steps in order to limit potential exposure of COVID-19 to our staff, patients and their families.

While we are continuing this protocol, please be advised that all PPE (masks, gowns, gloves, shoe covers, saniwipes, soap and gel) are in short supply. In many cases, we are unable to secure any new supplies. For this reason, all PPE is being managed. We have a total count across all locations, and staff are being issued supplies based on par levels designed to prevent them from running out.

Because gel is becoming particularly challenging to obtain, clinicians should attempt to wash with soap and water in patient homes to the fullest extent possible. Additionally, please do not use PPE unnecessarily; only use what is necessary for the precaution level the patient is classified for.

Although the shortage currently appears to be universal, we are working with our Wellforce counterparts in an effort to access additional supplies. We will continue to update all staff as the situation continues to evolve.