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Dear Ambulatory Surgery Center Partners,

With Ohio reporting its first positive cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), it is important that we take steps to prevent its spread, and you can help support these efforts. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes that for most people, the immediate risk of being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low, and the virus is not currently widespread in the United States.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has developed a checklist of the top 10 things that healthcare providers can do to prepare for COVID-19 (attached).

In addition, CDC has prepared information about “Steps Healthcare Facilities Can Take Now to Prepare for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)” available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-facilities/steps-to-prepare.html>. This information provides recommendations about being prepared for a COVID-19 outbreak, communicating with your employees and patients, protecting your patients, and protecting your workforce.

ODH also has developed the attached flyers that you can share with your employees and/or post in your facility consisting of a COVID-19 key FAQ and tips for preventing the spread of germs that can cause infectious diseases. For up to date COVID-19 information and other resources, go to www.coronavirus.ohio.gov, which is maintained by ODH.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact me or your local health department.

Sincerely,

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