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To:	NH Medical Staff and NH Clinical Leadership
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Re:	Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) – INPATIENT ECHO WITH CONFIRMED/SUSPECTED CASES PRECAUTIONS

In response to providing Echocardiography Services to inpatients with confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 please follow the following guidelines:

- Continue protocolling echo requests as previously instructed
- Inpatient echo for patients with pending COVID-19 results should be postponed until the Covid-19 results are available
- Dr. Mansour approval is required if:
 - the echo is required sooner or
 - the echo is on a suspected or confirmed Covid-19 patient
- If these conditions are met and sonographers are to proceed with an echo on a patient with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, they should be reaching out to the scheduled locum echo radiologist/cardiologist to discuss a focused/limited study for a specific clinical question.

For further information or questions, please contact the Medical Lead Dr. Firas Mansour through Yaser Ahmed, Regional Lead, Cardiac and Stroke (Yaser.ahmed@northernhealth.ca)