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## Premier Health, University of Dayton to Set Up COVID-19 Collection Site

**DAYTON, Ohio – March 16, 2020** – Along with public health officials and other health care providers locally, statewide, and nationally, Premier Health recognizes the need to make testing for coronavirus (COVID-19) available as soon as possible. We have been actively planning to do our part to help address this critical public health need.

We are collaborating with the University of Dayton to set up a collection site in the UD Arena <u>parking</u> <u>lot, 1801 Edwin C. Moses Blvd.</u>, beginning on Tuesday, March 17. This site will offer a process to collect specimens from patients **who have a physician order with them for a COVID-19 test to be performed**. A logistical team from the University of Dayton will be on hand to direct traffic. Security also will be present.

The hours of operation will be 10 am to 6 pm each day.

To ensure an orderly process, it is vitally important that those who have symptoms that are consistent with the COVID-19 virus first contact their family physician or primary care provider and work with their provider's office to see if they meet certain criteria <u>before</u> they come to the collection site. If you do not have a physician's order, you will not be screened.

CompuNet, in collaboration with Premier Health and Fidelity Urgent Care, will collect and forward specimens as appropriate to its reference laboratory, Quest Diagnostics, for COVID-19 testing.

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## **About Premier Health**

Based in Dayton, Ohio, Premier Health (<u>www.premierhealth.com</u>) has a mission to improve the health of the communities it serves. The health system has five hospital locations: Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton with additional inpatient sites at Miami Valley Hospital South in Centerville and Miami Valley Hospital North in Englewood; Atrium Medical Center in Middletown; and Upper Valley Medical Center in Miami County. In addition, the health system offers a wide range of care choices, including virtual care; e-visits; a TeleStroke network and other telehealth options; an urgent care network; free-standing emergency departments; a large primary and specialty care network; and home health services. Premier Health is the second largest employer in the region and the largest health care system in Southwest Ohio.