Provider Updates for Coronavirus Disease

Blue Cross is closely monitoring the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). While there are no known cases of COVID-19 in Alabama (as of March 1, 2020), there are several types of common respiratory viruses circulating including common coronavirus types and influenza.

According to the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), current respiratory outbreaks could make it difficult to identify an outbreak of this new coronavirus. Therefore, Blue Cross asks you to encourage your patients to get the flu vaccine if they have not done so. We are also communicating this information to our members.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and ADPH have published guidance for healthcare providers. Blue Cross encourages our providers to follow the published guidelines from the ADPH and CDC for preparedness, symptom evaluation and reporting.

Blue Cross will continue to monitor the spread of this virus and communicate updates as they develop.

Additional Resources for Providers:

- ADPH Guidance for Providers
- ADPH Screening Tool
- CDC Checklist
- CDC COVID-19 map
- CDC Notice for Healthcare Provider Offices

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