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I hope that your holiday was warm and bright despite the colder weather! The Urgent Care Annex building is earning its stripes as we have been able to schedule pre-operative COVID tests and have been able to use the 2nd room in the annex for the symptomatic respiratory patients. This allows the other UC patients to be less likely in contact with possible COVID patients. We are still seeing about 130-150 patients a week and at least half of those are possible COVID cases, so please keep wearing your mask, washing your hands and social distancing.

The DCMH clinics will be doing antigen testing soon and we will provide guidance on who will get those tests as soon as we have that information. This test takes about 15 minutes to complete the test and it will be available at Delta Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, West Elk Hotchkiss, West Elk Paonia, and Delta Urgent Care. We may expand it to other clinics as well based on supply.

Vaccine distribution has gone well and we are gearing up to be able to offer vaccines to our patients very soon. We are just waiting to ensure we have vaccinated all of the hospital healthcare workers, EMS, nursing home staff and other front line workers that may need it first. We will have a tiered strategy for patients as well to ensure those with health issues and immunocompromised individuals will get the vaccine, then as supply allows we will begin to offer it to the general patient population.

Thank you again for all that you do for our patients and community members. Happy New Year!

With Kind Regards,

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