The Lake County Medical community’s update on COVID – 19: 4/13/20

Again, the medical staff would like to thank all of Lake County for your great work in social distancing. Because of this we still do not have any confirmed cases in Lake County.

Over the recent weeks we have been getting a lot of request for “testing and screening”. These words have caused a lot of confusion, so we would like to address this.

- Lake County did receive a new Abbott “point of care test” from the State; however, we only have 16 testing kits and are unsure if we will be receiving any more. We are still in the process of validating this test.

We also have these other testing options:

- When you come to the hospital you will receive a “screening” before they will let you in the hospital. This involves taking your temperature and an oxygen saturation and doing a medical screening. Depending on the results of your medical screening you may be allowed into the hospital, sent home to self-isolate, or be send for further evaluation.

- Lake District Hospital has the ability to send out a nasal swab test to find out if you have active disease. The turn-around time for the results is 5-7 days. Since we have limited supplies, doctors have the discretion to order this test.

- Lake District Hospital has a minimum amount of test supplies that test for antibodies. It takes your body a minimum of 7 days to develop antibodies AFTER you have had COVID-19. This test will be helpful for getting people back to work in the coming months.

Again, thank you for all your hard work with social isolating. Please keep up the good work.

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