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Public Agencies Working Together

Public agencies in our community are meeting the unprecedented medical challenges in response to the potential exposure of patients from the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada. Understandably, this can be a confusing time for our community. Below is a simple, step-by-step guide to alleviate fears by ensuring the community has the correct information and the correct resources.

1. People potentially infected should have received a letter from the Health District this week. The public can visit www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org or call (702) 759-4636.
2. The patient can take that letter to your closest UMC Quick Care and get the required physician's order for free. The list of UMC Quick Cares in our community can be found at www.umcsn.com or by calling (702) 383-CARE (2273).
3. The patient will then take that physician's order for the blood test to an independent lab, such as Quest Diagnostics for a discounted rate (to schedule an appointment online visit www.questdiagnostics.com) or LabCorp (www.labcorp.com) for no charge to the patient.
4. Once the results have been sent back to UMC, the patient will be notified as to the results.
 - a. If the test is negative, the patient will get a letter urging a follow up visit with their primary care in a few months to be retested. (If the patient was recently exposed, they could test negative now, but positive later.)
 - b. If the test is positive, UMC will schedule an appointment with one of the UMC Primary Care physicians or refer the patient to their own physician for a treatment plan.

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