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Adaptation of new guidelines for daily clinic routine

• Direct communication via telephone reminders and mails
  – New procedures to expect before coming to the clinic and upon arrival
  – Limitation of visitors, care support partners
  – Flyers from CDC, corporate, ESRD Network

• New clinic set-up

• Weekly staff quality assessment meeting
Ways to keep in touch with the clinic

• TELEHEALTH
  – Verbal consent from patients
  – This platform is not limited to doctors. It is also available to the Renal Dietitian and the Social Worker.

• Home Dialysis Nurse On-Call
  – after “clinic hours” support
Home dialysis supplies

• Review of home inventory of dialysis supplies
• Consider available help during delivery of dialysis boxes
• Medication reconciliation and help coordinating pharmacy order to limit number of pick-ups/deliveries
• Considerations for self-administration of ESA
Additional support

• Renal Dietitian
  – Review 3-day Emergency Renal Diet
  – Information on special grocery store hours
  – Discuss proper food options especially with limited resources from food bank or cooked dishes from other people.

• Social Worker involvement
  – Review of insurance coverage for transportation
  – Kidney transplant list concerns
Triage for symptomatic patients

- Patient stays in a private room for assessment.
- MD to refer for COVID 19 lab testing.
- Ability to test patient while in the clinic.
- Follow-up with re-testing until with 2x negative results.