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[1/4/2022] An Update from your Mobile FEES Provider

Carolina Speech Pathology (CSP) wants to assure you that we are able to see your patients for instrumental swallow studies while minimizing risk whenever we send someone to your facility. Rather than sending patients out to the hospital or parking lot for swallow studies, we can serve your patients in the comfort and safety of their own environment.

CSP is performing FEES:

- Following thorough COVID-19 status prescreening
- On patients who are COVID-19 negative and COVID-19 recovered
 - Recovered COVID-19 patients are: removed from isolation, >10 days from initial diagnosis and symptom free

CSP requires completion of a preFEES screening questionnaire for every referral to ensure safe and efficient patient care procedures during this time. The screening includes a section that captures your facility's requirements for a CSP staff member to enter your building.

Below are the infection prevention and control procedures we've put in place for our staff, in accordance with CDC, CMS, AHCA, ASHA, and state guidelines:

- Routine employee COVID-19 testing
- Employees who are symptomatic are immediately removed from patient care
- Strict adherence to CDC exposure and return to work guidelines for healthcare workers
- Use of N95 mask + surgical mask + eye protection + gloves + gown with all patients
- Vigilant hand washing
- Employee training and competencies regarding proper PPE donning and doffing
- No use of aerosolizing sprays during FEES
- Continued high level disinfection protocol on all FEES equipment (including use of bleach wipes and CIDEX® OPA) *

* *It should be noted that CIDEX® OPA has been directly tested against coronavirus, and has been demonstrated to be efficacious. Visit: <https://www.asp.com/preventing-the-spread-of-coronavirus-from-contaminated-medical-devices>*

It is our goal to do everything to maintain continuity of care for your patients with dysphagia, while complying with all guidelines to ensure the safety and wellbeing of everyone. If you have any questions regarding FEES services, please do not hesitate to reach out to one of our team members at info@carolinafees.com.

Best Regards,
Carolina Speech Pathology
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