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To whom it may concern:

As you are aware, there is increased influenza activity this year in the community. The increase has limited the diagnostic resources of Wellspan Laboratory Services. We are therefore recommending presumptive influenza treatment with Tamiflu for any nursing home/extended care facility patient with flu like symptoms (i.e. fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuff nose, backache, headache, chills, fatigue). We are asking that diagnostic viral testing be reserved for patients who are being admitted to the hospital and in some cases where testing is needed for patient discharge placement. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding the above. We appreciate your assistance during this period of increased influenza activity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Seth M. Quartey", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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