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Information on risk factors for more severe illness resulting from infection with SARS-CoV2 continues to evolve with progression of the pandemic and reporting from newly affected regions. As of mid-April 2020, little has been published on the U.S experience in peer-reviewed journals. In response to public statements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other sources, some ACC members have reported patients asking for occupational guidance in this area. The following draft letter may be useful for some patients in circumstances in response to such requests. The draft letter may be modified as need to fit an individual patient's clinical or occupational circumstances.

**To whom it may concern:**

**This is to notify you that ..., DOB ..., is a patient in our practice and is in an elevated risk category for complications of COVID-19 as defined by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). He/she has asked that we contact you regarding this issue.**

**Employers are advised to refer to CDC recommendations regarding workplace accommodations, to be found here:**

**<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>**

**Specifically, "Be aware that some employees may be at higher risk for serious illness, such as older adults and those with chronic medical conditions. Consider minimizing face-to-face contact between these employees or assign work tasks that allow them to maintain a distance of six feet from other workers, customers and visitors, or to telework if possible."**

**[Option for healthcare workers - In addition, healthcare workers should be assured of adequate personal protective equipment appropriate to their work environment.]**

**[Signature line]**