# HUP Admission and Inpatient COVID-19 Testing and Infection Control Guidance, Updated 10/7/2020

**NOTE:** Healthcare workers are **required** to wear a mask and approved eye protection for ALL patient interactions, regardless of patient’s COVID status.

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<th>Signage to be placed outside patient room</th>
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| **ASYMPTOMATIC** (ED Admission, Pre-procedural, or PEC/OB Delivery) | • Test all asymptomatic patients being admitted through the ED  
  • Test all direct admissions and OSH transfers unless patient testing is negative within 2 days prior to admission/transfer as an outpatient or at OSH  
  • If test indicated, order: “Universal (Urgent turn-around time)” | No flag  
  Standard Precautions; no isolation ordered | While awaiting test results: ASYMPTOMATIC TEST PENDING | While awaiting test results:  
  PATIENT wears surgical/earloop mask when ANY HCW enters the room | While awaiting test results: BOTH PATIENTS wear surgical/earloop mask at all times until test resulted | Face mask and eye protection | Non-COVID Unit  
  Pt room may be assigned prior to test results  
  While awaiting test results, private room preferred if available |
| **SYMPTOMATIC:**  
  COVID Rule Out (PUI) | • Test pts w/ clinically concerning symptoms  
  • Order: “Rapid (STAT turn-around time)”  
  • If ED Admission/ OSH transfer, test should result prior to room assignment | **COVID 19 Rule Out** flag  
  Droplet and Contact Precautions w/ Airborne Precautions if undergoing AGP* | **COVID 19 ISOLATION**  
  Pt PPE not required | N/A | Face mask**, eye protection, gown, gloves  
  If AGP*, Wear N95 respirator + face shield or PAPR *** | ED pts/ OSH transfers pending admission: test in ED or at OSH before assigning room  
  Inpatients: private room required; if high clinical suspicion for COVID, consult Infection Control  
  Ward (non-ICU) pts: COVID Unit or ICU pts: “Native” ICU  
  Negative pressure room strongly preferred if available |
| **COVID POSITIVE**  
  Positive test during current admission or still in infectious window | • Test results known positive  
  • Additional testing not required | **COVID 19 Confirmed** flag  
  Droplet and Contact Precautions, w/ Airborne Precautions if undergoing AGP* | **COVID 19 ISOLATION**  
  Pt PPE not required | Pt PPE not required | Face mask**, eye protection, gown, gloves  
  If AGP*, Wear N95 respirator + face shield or PAPR *** | **NOTE:** Staff should **not** use KN95s in lieu of N95 respirators. |

*AGP = Aerosol-generating procedure  
** N95 respiratory can be worn in place of a face mask for the care of any patient with suspected or confirmed COVID infection  
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**EXPOSED & ASYMPTOMATIC**
- Pt exposed to COVID positive patient HCW, asymptomatic
  - Consider testing day 5-7 post-exposure per Infection Control guidance
  - If testing, order “Universal (Urgent turn-around time)”

**ASYMPTOMATIC Requires Discharge Testing**
- Order: “Routine (Routine turn-around time)”

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1. **Patient Asymptomatic:** Admitting from ED, OSH, Direct, Pre-procedural, or PEC/OB Delivery, order “Universal (Urgent turn-around time)” testing.
   i. While awaiting test results, patients may be placed in a private or semi-private room on a non-COVID unit with the “Asymptomatic Test Pending” sign on their door. Patient must be masked while others in the room. If in a double room, roommate must also be masked. Nurses/providers should escalate discussion of semi-private room placement if patient/roommate unable to wear a mask.
   ii. If test results negative, remove “Asymptomatic Test Pending” sign from the door. Instruct patient he/she does not need to wear the mask unless they leave the room.
   iii. If test result positive, patient should be transferred to a COVID unit, and COVID-19 Positive workflow should be followed.

2. **Patient Symptomatic (COVID Rule Out/ PUI).** Order “Rapid (STAT turn-around time)”. Place banner in PennChart. Place patient in a single room. Follow all PPE recommendations.
   i. If ED patient / OSH patient pending admission/ transfer: test results should be known prior to admission/room assignment.
   ii. If current inpatient: patient should be in private room pending test result. If escalating O2 requirement currently or concern for escalation to non-invasive or invasive ventilation requirement, discuss placement in negative pressure room with infection control while test pending.

3. **COVID Positive.** Place banner in Penn Chart. Follow all PPE recommendations. Place patient in COVID Unit (ward/ non-ICU) or “native” ICU. Negative pressure recommended.

4. **Patient exposed to a COVID-positive HCW (patient remains asymptomatic).** Notify provider and patient. Place on droplet & contact isolation for 14 days from exposure. Infection Control may recommend testing at day 5-7 following exposure. If so, order “Universal (Urgent turn-around time)” testing. If patient discharged, contact patient and advise to quarantine for 14 days.

5. **Patient requiring testing for discharge.** No special precautions as part of testing/waiting for test results. Order “Routine (routine turn-around time)” testing.

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