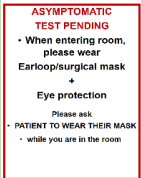




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Patient Status	COVID Testing Guidance	Infection Flag/ Status in PennChart	Signage to be placed outside patient room	Patient in single room PPE	Patient AND Roommate (in semiprivate room) PPE	Healthcare Worker (HCW) PPE	Patient Location
ASYMPTOMATIC (ED Admission, Pre-procedural, or PEC/OB Delivery)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 result	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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, discuss transferring to COVID Unit w/ Infection Control
COVID POSITIVE Positive test during current admission or still in infectious window	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 ***	Ward (non-ICU) pts: COVID Unit or ICU pts: "Native" ICU Negative pressure room strongly preferred if available

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EXPOSED & ASYMPTOMATIC Pt exposed to COVID positive patient HCW, asymptomatic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider testing day 5-7 post-exposure per Infection Control guidance If testing, order: "Universal (Urgent turn-around time)" 	No flag Droplet and Contact Precautions	DROPLET & CONTACT ISOLATION for 14 days from exposure	Pt PPE not required	N/A	Face mask, eye protection, gown, gloves	Non-COVID Unit Private room required
ASYMPTOMATIC Requires Discharge Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order: "Routine (Routine turn-around time)" 	No flag Standard Precautions	No signage required	Pt PPE not required	Pt PPE not required	Face mask, eye protection	Non-COVID Unit Private or semi-private room

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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