HUP Inpatients: COVID testing pilot for asymptomatic pre-procedural/pre-op patients
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We are now participating in a pilot of COVID testing of asymptomatic patients that is being performed at HUP and PPMC.

This pilot primarily targets COVID-19 testing in asymptomatic:
1) obstetrical patients presenting for delivery
2) patients scheduled for surgery or IR procedure requiring intubation or general anesthesia
3) patients scheduled for bronchoscopy, TEE, EP, EGD/ERCP, PEG, Tracheostomy.

For inpatients who require asymptomatic pre-op or pre-procedural testing:

1. HCWs: please wear face mask and eye protection when performing the NP swab (N95s not necessary, but if wearing extended use N95, maintain it instead of earloop/ surgical mask while swabbing).

2. Do NOT escalate isolation or PPE for asymptomatic patients; asymptomatic patients can remain in current non-COVID unit

3. Patients being tested on admission from the community for procedures or OB delivery should be wearing earloop face masks when interacting with providers pending results of testing.

4. Use PennChart COVID-19 (SARS CoV-2) order. Pre-op / pre-procedural indications are included. Choose "Routine" on PennChart order if testing can be anticipated and performed day prior to procedure. If time is limited prior to procedure or if test required more emergently, choose "Stat" on PennChart order to run on rapid assay. (Note: we are trying to preserve the rapid testing capacity for symptomatic ED and inpatients).

5. For pre-procedural testing, approval via COVID Testing Approval Pager is NOT REQUIRED and you can order and send testing via PennChart order at your own discretion.

6. Testing for indications outside scope of this pilot, including repeat testing for SYMPTOMATIC inpatients still require approval via Testing Approval Pager and yellow ticket process for now. Other indications listed in the order set are mainly geared toward asymptomatic outpatient testing.