

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

PATIENT STATUS

COVID-19 (+)

- Patient with any history of positive test
- For symptomatic patients or aerosolized procedure
 - Isolation
 - Airborne precautions
 - Required for placing nasogastric tube/post-pyloric feeding tubes
- For asymptomatic patients or non-aerosolized procedures
 - Isolation
 - Droplet+ precautions
- For outpatient asymptomatic COVID-19 (+) tests,
 - Procedure to be postponed.
 - May proceed after 10 asymptomatic days

Patient under investigation (PUI)

- Patients with any test pending or demonstrating associated symptomatology
 - Droplet+ precautions
- Symptomatic patients require full work up
- Pre-operative patients undergoing testing are considered PUI

PRE-OPERATIVE TESTING

- Types of test
 - Emergent – 4 tests/hr capacity, 2 hour response
 - Non-Emergent – 48 hour response
- All patients are being tested at admission
 - Unless emergent- cannot wait for test
 - Outside tests not accepted
- Must have test within 72 hrs of operations/procedure
- Inpatient
 - Urgent cases, send emergent COVID-19 test
 - Non-emergent, send non-Emergent COVID-19 test
 - Emergencies, send Emergent COVID-19 test
 - Do not wait for results
 - Assume COVID-19 (+)/PUI precautions
 - For ED emergent cases, ED to send prior to OR
 - If negative, no repeat inpatient pre-procedure testing unless symptomatic and clinically indicated
- Outpatient
 - COVID-19 testing required for all patients
 - Outside RT-PCR COVID-19 tests accepted
- Once tested, patients are PUI until proven otherwise
 - Asymptomatic patients will be placed on Droplet + precautions
 - Airborne – aerosolizing procedures
 - Respiratory modes: CPAP, BiBAP, Hi Flo
 - Patient will remain in current assigned room
 - Nursing will utilize appropriate PPE and

PATIENT DESIGNATION

Droplet+

- Precautions: doors closed, hand hygiene, glove/gown eye protection (face shield/goggles), surgical mask
- Asymptomatic patient, COVID-19 (+)
- Non-aerosolizing events/procedures
- Pre-operative patient pending test results

Airborne isolation

- Droplet+ precaution AND N95 mask
- Aerosolizing events/procedures
 - Intubations
 - BiPAP/CPAP/Vapotherm
 - Sputum induction
 - Open airway suctioning
 - Tracheal intubation
 - Bronchoscopy
 - Nebulizer treatment IN PROGRESS
 - Patient with uncontrolled cough
 - Nasogastric tube/post-pyloric feeding tube placement

- Symptomatic, COVID-19 (+)
- Symptomatic, PUI

Signage

- COVID-19 (+)/PUI: Droplet+ with/without aerosolizing procedure outside door