



REGISTRATION OR TRIAGE NURSE

- From 1100 – 2300, see “Drive Up Testing Flowchart”
- If not done already screen patients for fever AND respiratory symptoms (**patient reported ok**):
 - New cough, worsening shortness of breath, fever (temp >100.4)

If **YES** to fever AND respiratory symptoms



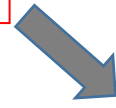
- Mask patient with surgical mask (NOT N95) notify Provider and Primary RN and place patient in negative pressure room (if available) or private patient room with door closed.
- Staff should use droplet and contact precautions (N-95 not required), including protective eyewear **UNLESS** patients are critically ill or undergoing any aerosol generating interventions then an N-95 is required.
- Limit traffic in and out of room for ALL caregivers to preserve PPE.



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- Confirm current county of residence
- Confirm signs and symptoms with onset date

If you suspect COVID-19



NO ADMISSION

- Order influenza PCR AND COVID-19 per provider discretion.

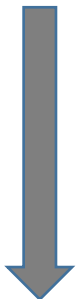
Figure 1: Suggested criteria for COVID-19 testing

Immunocompromised patients with a fever of 100.4 AND respiratory symptoms (worsening cough or worsening shortness of breath).

- Immunocompromised patients include:
 - Significant heart disease (ie. Heart failure)
 - Significant lung disease (Severe asthma, bronchiectasis, COPD)
 - Actively receiving chemotherapy
 - Patients on chronic prednisone more than 10 mg daily
 - Patients receiving immunodulatory therapy (ie. Biological medications)
 - Diabetes
 - Advanced kidney disease
 - Other patients considered immunocompromised by their provider such as elderly adults.

ADMISSION

- Order influenza PCR AND COVID-19 test
- COVID-19 should be tested regardless of influenza PCR results



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PROVIDERS

When COVID-19 testing is indicated/ordered:

- Collect and send a single nasopharyngeal swab to SPH lab

NO ADMISSION

If patient has mild signs/symptoms and does not require admission:

- Provide education to patient on situation, precautions and follow-up
 - Provide patient with educational handout on quarantine guidelines
 - Inform patient that they should expect a call from
 - St. Peter's for all results (either negative or positive)
 - Lewis & Clark Public Health for positive results

PATIENT ADMITTED

If patient has moderate to severe signs/symptoms and requires admission:

- Keep patients on droplet and contact precautions (no N-95) and isolate patient in negative pressure room as available
- Limit visitors (one visitor per patient) and visitors must follow isolation precautions

If patient is critically ill or undergoing aerosol generating interventions and requiring admission:

- Keep patients in airborne and contact precautions (N-95 required) and isolate patient in negative pressure room as available

SEE SPH PPE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR DETAILS