

Provider Guidance for COVID-19 Testing and Isolation: Acute Care

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Presentation	Expected Disposition (per provider)	PPE and Room Recommendation	COVID-19 Testing* <u>ALL decisions to test must be communicated to COVID-19 hotline at 716-923-0670 for tracking purposes</u> <i>*testing not advised if another diagnosis is confirmed (e.g. influenza)</i>
No respiratory Symptoms ²	Home OR Admit	Standard room	None
Stable; +Respiratory Symptoms ² & No COVID-19 exposure Hx	Home	Patient: Procedure mask Providers: Contact/eye protection/procedure mask Single Room, door closed	Clinician discretion, rule out other issues, provide self-isolation instructions and outpatient COVID-19 testing information if no other cause of symptoms identified and no major reason to test (e.g. they are a HCW)
Stable; +Respiratory Symptoms ² w/o other clear cause	Admission	Patient: Mask Providers: Contact/eye protection/ procedure mask Single room, door closed	Yes, notify receiving team of PUI status, utilize single patient room for non-AGP ¹ transmission risk patient class
Unstable→May need intubation; +Respiratory Symptoms ² & No COVID-19 exposure Hx	Admission	Patient: Mask (if tolerated) Providers: Contact/eye protection/N95 AIIR (Negative Pressure Room if available)	Yes, notify receiving team of PUI status, utilize AIIR for AGP ¹ transmission risk patients

*COVID-19 tests for patients with expected **outpatient** disposition should be ordered through **Quest: “Reference Test→ COVID-19 for Quest labs”**. NP Swab only.

COVID-19 tests for Admitted patients or in cases of a potential HCW exposure should preferentially go to Local DOH lab (need approval from DOH) to expedite turnaround time. Order: Reference Test, **“COVID-19 DOH County Lab” NP Swab only.**

AIIR: Airborne Isolation Room

Mask: surgical mask

N95: N95 Respirator

PPE: Personal Protective Equipment

PUI: Patient under investigation

1. AGP: Aerosol generating procedures: intubation, open suctioning from mouth, sputum induction, CPR)

2. Respiratory Symptoms—>any: Cough, Sore Throat, Hypoxia, SOB