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COVID-19: Testing & Re-Testing Protocol

Purpose: Overview of test options available based on clinical setting and criteria.

COVID Symptoms

- fever (>100.0)
- new cough
- new shortness of breath/ difficulty breathing
- muscle pain (myalgias)
- new headache
- runny nose/congestion
- sore throat
- new loss of sense of smell or taste
- vomiting or diarrhea
- chills with/without repeated shaking

COVID Testing Options

(Do NOT retest COVID- recovered patients within 30 days of the positive test except for required clearance tests)

Test Option	Clinical Settings	Testing Criteria
COVID 19 Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outpatient Clinic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symptomatic ambulatory patients
COVID PUI RAPID Test (POCT COVID-19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ED (Emergency Department) UC and PC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only for patients with cough, shortness of breath, and abnormal vitals NOT for asymptomatic patients
COVID PUI Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ED OBED Inpatient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symptomatic patients
COVID Clearance Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inpatient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discharges to SNF (only if requested)
COVID Surveillance Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NWP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon admission and then weekly

Clinical Settings	Testing Criteria
Ambulatory / ED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symptom Screening if positive COVID PUI or POCT COVID test
Inpatient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the PUI test for any symptomatic patients Complete a Clearance Test for patients going to SNF only if requested by accepting facility. Complete a Surveillance test for patients going to NWP and weekly (per Nursing protocol)
Birth Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symptom screening on admission PUI testing for any symptomatic patient
Surgical and Procedural Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symptom screening for admitted patients Symptom screening 72 hours before procedure ambulatory patients If symptom screen is positive follow the pre-surgical screening pathway
Infusion Center and Radiation Oncology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symptom screen for new COVID symptoms within 72 hours If the symptom screen is positive patient to perform in home antigen testing on two consecutive days Patients with previous COVID positive results who were NOT HOSPITALIZED with COVID, may treat at day 11, as long as patient is asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic, no COVID testing required Patients with previous COVID positive results who were HOSPITALIZED for COVID, may treat at day 22, as long as patient is asymptomatic, no COVID testing required