

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