

COVID-19 CHECKLIST FOR ER-SUNY DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER 3-17-2020

THE CURRENT ED POLICY FOR PPE :

ALL STAFF TO WEAR SURGICAL MASKS AT ALL TIMES

- GOWNS, FACE SHIELDS AND GLOVES WORN WITH ALL PATIENT INTERACTIONS

PATIENTS AND VISITORS WEAR MASKS AT ALL TIMES

SCREENING/TRIAGING

Unexplained Fever **OR** Cough **OR** Short of Breath **OR** the following risk factor:

- Contact (within 6 feet for prolonged period) with positive tested COVID-19 Patient
- History of travel to China, Iran, Italy, South Korea, Japan within 14 days
- Contact with an ill person who has travelled to China, Iran, Italy, South Korea, Japan
- History of local travel to an area with a known cluster of cases (ex: Westchester) within 14 days

If You Marked Yes to above:

ISOLATE (Ill –appearing) vs. COHORT (well appearing)

SICK patients who answers affirmatively to illness PLUS travel/exposure:

- ✓ Place Mask on Patient
- ✓ Immediately refer to nursing who can accompany the patient to an **isolation room**.
- ✓ Adults are placed alone (unless they need assistance)
- ✓ Pediatrics are placed with guardians

WELL patients who answers affirmatively to illness PLUS travel/exposure:

- ✓ Place Mask on Patient
- ✓ Immediately refer to nursing who can accompany the patient to **Room 11**

Evaluation

Limit Staff who manages the patient, all staff evaluating patient must use (staff may manage non COVID-19 patients as well):

- ✓ **SURGICAL MASKS** (Only use N95 respirator for high risk procedures such as intubation).
- ✓ Face Shield or goggles
- ✓ Contact Isolation Gown
- ✓ 1 pair of non-sterile gloves
- ✓ **AVOID** Aerosolize Generating interventions when possible (nebulizer, Bipap)
- ✓ Intubate with N95 mask, decrease staff in room during intubation

Management and COVID-19 Testing

- ✓ **CURRENTLY, SUNY has limited resources test for COVID-19 patients unless they are being ADMITTED**
 - Currently, we are sending **COVID-19 testing via Quest** (in upcoming weeks we will be able to test in SUNY)
 - Use packets in Charge RN cabinet
 - You can test for respiratory viral panel too- if you want to order that test from Tsystem
 - Avoid any testing out of unit (ie portable imaging only)
 - On discharge, please emphasis prevention of disease spread and return precautions (see CDC dc papers)
- ✓ **FOR ADMITTED/INPATIENT COVID-19 Testing: CALL NYSDOHMH 24/7 provider line'866-692-3641**
 - Fever or Cough or Short of Breath **PLUS** 1 of the Risk Factors listed above:
 - **Consider testing SYMPTOMATIC patients with Fever/cough/SOB without a clear source with an unusual presentation of CAP (ie multipolar, normal WBC) without "risk factor" since our local community is now transmitting the virus—this is at your discretion**
 - Additional Labs to consider ordering: ESR/CRP, Procalcitonin, LFTs, LDH
 - Use the DOH Sampling kit in Charge RN Cabinet or you can fill the forms online
- ✓ **DO NOT TEST: asymptomatic patients**
- ✓ EMAIL all cases to: infectioncontrol@downstate.edu; Pia.daniel@downstate.edu ;ninfamehta@downstate.edu

✓ Rooms should be terminally cleaned by Environmental Services ext. 2997 if doing COVID-19 testing
Determine Risk Exposure- ED Charge RN should compile a list and email to infection control
Identify All That May Have Been Exposed Prior to patient wearing a mask (INCLUDING IN WAITING ROOM)
Screen Those Accompanying the Suspected COVID-19 Patient for Early Symptoms of Illness
Give list to Infection Control for NYCDOHMH follow-up
Call/page Environmental Services (housekeeping ext. 2997) to Request A Terminal, Post Isolation Cleaning of the Waiting Area
✓ Contacts: Infection Control Days M-F = 718 270-2344, Off hours- IC Director Robert Gwizdala, Cell 646-489-4442 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Infectious Diseases office: 718 270-1432/2234 on call pager 917-948-9351 ○ Emergency Preparedness-pager 917-760-1454, office M-F 270-1168

Guidance for Categorizing Exposure Risk and the Recommended Work Restrictions for Staff		
Group	For Staff Who Are:	Actions
A	Symptomatic (fever, cough) OR Confirmed COVID-19 OR Suspected COVID-19	1. Self-quarantine 7 days from illness onset 2. 72 hours fever-free AND improvement of symptoms 3. Return to Work
B	WITHOUT SYMPTOMS, but Exposed to Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 Person	1. Continue to work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. With facemask for 14 days from contact b. Preferentially assigned to low-risk patients c. Check temperature twice daily d. Monitor for COVID-19 symptoms (Fever, cough, difficulty breathing) 2. If symptoms develop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report to Area Supervisor b. Follow guidelines for GROUP A after discussion with Infection Control and/or Infectious Disease