Patient Arrives

Basic Symptom Check / EPIC Screening Tool
Does patient have symptoms of acute respiratory infection? (Fever, cough, shortness of breath, complaints of being tired?)
Known contact w/ lab confirmed COVID-19+
Best Practice Alert fires (meets current CDC recommendations for suspect patients).

- Intake to notify staff to place patient in room.
- Give patient mask (surgical/procedural)
- Place patient in private room with door closed, apply Droplet/Contact sign on door.
- One support person may accompany patient, no mask provided, refer to modified visitor restrictions.

Assessment, Testing, & Treatment Plan
- Notify provider
- Designated caregivers apply mask and gloves.
- Assess for symptoms of acute respiratory infection

Proceed as routine visit

Yes

Flu swab point of care testing*

Positive

Viral panel positive?

Yes

Patient treats symptoms at home

No

Positive COVID-19?

Yes

Instruct patient to isolate at home along with all family members

No

Negative

Does patient meet clinical criteria for testing?

Yes

Does patient meet criteria for hospitalization? (immediate distress)

Yes

1. Call EMS for transport
2. Call Receiving hospital switchboard
3. Notify Emergency Department & Infection Prevention of patient transport

Test kits for PCR Viral screening are limited in number for our region.
Criteria (per CDC) to help you screen patients who should have PCR Viral screening include the following:
- Symptomatic (fever, cough, fatigue)
- Age > 65
- Immunocompromised
- In close contact with known COVID-19 positive per lab confirmation within 14 days
- Healthcare worker in close contact with known COVID-19 positive per lab confirmation within 14 days
- Traveled from affected geographic area (per CDC)
- Chronic conditions which may increase potential for poor outcomes

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*Use same flu testing safety precautions you have always used

Support persons who accompany patients to office appointments will adhere to the following restrictions: Support persons cannot be ill with seasonal flu or COVID-19 symptoms, including: shortness of breath, coughing, fever, chills, headache, vomiting, sore throat, muscle aches, or diarrhea. Support persons must be older than the age of 14. Support person will be asked to remain in the room with the patient.