Registration asks Travel/Symptom Screening Questions OR met Clinical Indications

- Recent travel to location with ongoing community transmission OR Contact with confirmed case of Covid-19 within 14 days of symptoms
- Answered positive to screening questions with presence of fever or lower respiratory symptoms without alternative explanatory dx OR symptoms without positive travel screen if COVID-19 determined to be in the community
- Patient remains masked & triaged for symptoms using Contact & Droplet Precautions
- Patient is placed in negative pressure room for additional questions/exam. Do NOT send back to waiting room. Airborne and Contact Precautions with eye protection initiated*. Patient may remove mask ONLY if in negative pressure room & staff wears appropriate PPE (N95/PAPR, gowns, gloves, eye protection)

Nursing or Provider notifies Infection Prevention (CMMC pager 851-8612, BH/RH pager 851-0080) for assistance with protocols

- Recommended tests, per CMH physicians: flu swab, wbc, procalcitonin, cxr/CT, spt/blood

Patients in Airborne & Contact Precautions:
- Door must remain closed, negative pressure must be turned on & validated
- Signs on both sides of the room to notify staff regarding precautions: Contact, Airborne, “Entry Restricted to Essential Personnel Only”, and “Eye Protection”
- PPE – N95/PAPR, gowns, gloves, & eye protection
- Use proper technique when donning & doffing. REMEMBER: It is easy to contaminate yourself while removing PPE so follow appropriate technique & include hand hygiene.
- Limit staff entering room to essential clinical personnel only
- Place Log sheet on the door to record all hcw who have had contact with the patient and entering the room
- Use dedicated or disposable non-critical equipment when possible. Thoroughly clean all other equipment using hospital approved disinfectants.
- When patient vacates room, EVS may clean it after the appropriate time has elapsed for the virus to be removed from the air (1-2 hours). Must wear face shield, gowns & gloves. Our currently hospital approved disinfectants are active against Covid-19.
- Restrict visitors to the room and remind them to limit their movement while in the facility.
- If patient cannot have a test performed in their room (preferred), or is transferred between floors, the patient is masked, hands cleaned, fresh gown worn with clean blanket placed over them. Transporter should not be wearing PPE. Wheelchair or stretcher must be cleaned

Recommended specimens include: Nasopharyngeal (NP) swab to r/o flu & additional NP & throat swab to send out for COVID-19 testing. COVID/Viral panel can be performed from the same NP and sent to the state (HETL) – order COVID-19, SARS-Co-V w/Resp Panel in the computer.

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