

HEALTH GUIDANCE FOR AMBULATORY PATIENTS WHO PRESENT WITH SUSPECTED RESPIRATORY ILLNESS

Guidelines cannot replace individualized evaluation and management decisions based on patient factors

ONSITE INTAKE SCREENING

Cough or shortness of breath or influenza-like symptoms OR subjective/objective fever (T>100.4)

Give pt. surgical mask

Within 14 days of symptoms onset, pt. had close contact** with a suspected or lab-confirmed COVID-19 patient; OR traveled from an affected geographic area as defined by the CDC.

Walk-in Patient

YES

Quickly place in isolation room with method of least exposure to other areas. Close door and place proper contact signage on door. Use appropriate PPE. Triage acuity of patient.

Provider evaluates pt. for COVID-19 testing and further evaluation.

Clinical Assessment

Stable for home discharge with home care education and list of resources

Additional Testing may be indicated based on clinical presentation

Clinical Assessment

Not stable for home discharge. Notify EMS and ED of intentions to transport and concern for COVID-19. Patient wears surgical mask. PPE for transporters.

NO
Place in a room with door closed. Triage acuity of patient (vitals, brief history).

Previously Phone Triaged Patient

YES

Triage acuity of pt. outside in tent and/or pt.'s car. Provider to determine plan of care.

Consider rapid flu test, respiratory viral panel, or other steps based upon clinical history and exam.

Follow site clinical policy and procedures for treatment.

****Definition for Close Contact:** a) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for a prolonged period of time; close contact can occur while caring for, living with, visiting, or sharing a healthcare waiting area or room with COVID-19 cases; b) having direct contact with infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on)

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) General Tips: Don PPE outside of exam room. Doff PPE as follows: Remove gown and gloves inside the exam room and perform hand hygiene. Once outside the exam room, remove surgical mask or N95, remove eye protection, and perform hand hygiene. These tips do not substitute the need to review updated CDC information for health care workers.

Post discharge of exam room and/or isolation room of COVID-19 suspected/confirmed patient. Wait 15 minutes, then proceed with required Terminal Cleaning Protocol with EPA approved disinfectant, following manufacturer's guidelines and required contact time. Keep door closed. Place signage on door.

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