

WCS Screening and Response for COVID-19

Universal masking with a procedure mask is required for all patients greater than the age of 2.

All patient to be tested for COVID unless they have had a positive test in the last 90 days.

Ask patient:

1. "Do you have any of the following: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea?"
2. Have you been exposed to any person with COVID in the last 10 days?
3. Have a you had a positive test in the last 90 days? If yes, what date?

Answer is: YES

You have a patient with suspected or COVID-19, go to next step

Answer is: NO

Continue triage process in a negative pressure (AIIR) room until COVID test is resulted

(Preferred) Implement airborne and contact precautions (N95, goggles or face shields, gowns and gloves), place appropriate signage on door. (AIIR rooms: 362, 364, 366)

IF negative pressure room not available, place in room with a door for droplet and contact precautions (procedure mask, goggles or face shields, gowns and gloves, place appropriate signage on door.

Immediately notify the WCS RN designee of patient with suspected COVID-19

Collect lab/specimen for testing. Testing is preferred negative pressure rooms with N95 mask.
If Negative pressure room unavailable, complete in room with door closed.

Attending provider evaluates patient

If decision is made to discharge the patient, send home with CDC Instructions sheet
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/steps-when-sick.html>

If patient is to be admitted follow admission process.
WCS RN designee to contact Inpatient clinical coordinator at x4015

Once patient is transferred or discharged, call EVS at EXT 2148 for cleaning and disinfection of room.

WCS/ L & D/ Mother/ Baby/ COVID Algorithm



PUI or COVID Positive Mother in Labor admit to 362 or 364, or 366 (Negative pressure)



Mother & newborn may room according to normal practice



Mother to maintain 6 feet distance from infant when possible



When mother and/or support person provides care or feeds the newborn they should wear a mask and perform hand hygiene.



Bathe newborn in room once newborns temperature is stable, within 4 hours of life.



Obtain Covid-19 test from newborn at 24 hrs. and then again at 48 hrs. of age. If newborn is discharged prior to 48 hrs.

The pediatric provider may choose to order a single test at 24-48hrs.

Newborn Discharge

- ◇ Any newborn procedure is not to be performed in the nursery
- ◇ Hearing screening may be performed but not in the nursery
- ◇ In infant Covid testing is negative infant will be discharged home to family.
- ◇ Mother should use a mask and perform hand hygiene when directly caring or feeding the infant until
 - ◇ They have been afebrile for 24 hours without the use for antipyretics
 - ◇ At least 10 days have passed since onset of symptoms. (if asymptomatic, at least 10 days have passed since positive test results)
 - ◇ Symptoms have improved
- ◇ Other care givers in the home should use a mask and perform proper hand hygiene before and after having contact with the infant until their status is resolved.

Points of Emphasis

Additional Care points for mother and newborn:

- ◇ If newborn requires resuscitation move to 361.
- ◇ Deep suctioning, PPV, CPAP, and/or intubation are all aerosol generating procedures that require wearing N-95 mask.
- ◇ DO NOT bring newborn/PUI to the nursery
- ◇ Mother and support person are encourage to place the baby back in the bassinette 6 feet away as soon as direct care is done
- ◇ Breastfeeding is not contraindicated at this time
- ◇ Early discharge of the infant born to a COVID negative mother with intent to reduce risk of COVID19 injection provide **NO** advantage to the newborn or family.