

Screening for Suspected Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Intake/Triage Screening Tool

1. Symptoms – Presence of two or more:

- Fever (>38.0°C or feeling feverish)
- New or worsening cough
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- New Headache

OR

2. Does the patient have a household contact who is known to be positive for COVID-19?

IF YES- Place mask on patient, patient to perform hand hygiene and place in private room with door closed.

COVID 19 testing needs to be performed.

*patients who have recently been screened for COVID-19 with negative results (within 14 days from their last exposure) do not require re-testing in the absence of symptoms

Patients who meet above criteria will be cared for under additional precautions as recommended for COVID-19

Specific Management Considerations and Infection Prevention & Control Measures:

- Ask patient to **wear a procedure mask, perform hand hygiene and ensure assessed in a timely manner AND place in a private room with door closed.**
- Initiate **Novel Respiratory Pathogen Precautions:** Gloves, gowns, procedure/surgical mask and eye protection (face shield, goggles or mask with visor) when within 2 meters of patient. One support person can stay with the pediatric patient.
- **Aerosol generating medical procedures** (e.g. nasopharyngeal aspirate (NPA), suctioning, CPAP, BiPap, intubation/extubation, nebulized medications, bronchoscopy or inducing sputum) should be performed in **AIRBORNE INFECTION ISOLATION ROOMS**, and only if medically necessary. The number of healthcare workers present should be limited and a fit tested respirator N95 mask should be worn in addition to all other PPE including eye protection by all persons present.
- **Test for COVID-19** - using protocol for lab testing and specimen handling for patients suspected of infection with the novel coronavirus. Call the microbiologist on call with any questions.