Screening Narrative

ED, Transfer Center & OB Triage

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IF respiratory symptoms are present:
  • Immediately give patient & person(s) accompanying a surgical mask

Verbal Screening and documentation in health record with questions below:

A. Have you traveled in the last 14 days?
   IF travel to an area where COVID-19 is currently spreading, the answer to question A is YES
   IF NO, travel to an area where COVID-19 is currently spreading, continue to the next question

B. Have you had close contact with a person under investigation for COVID-19 while that person was ill?

IF replies NO to verbal screening
  • Proceed with normal triage and treatment

IF replies YES to verbal screening:
  • Quarantine patient in a room with closed door & staff don appropriate PPE
  • Provider assesses patient to determine if COVID-19 signs or symptoms are present

IF patient meets OSDH Public Health Lab Criteria for COVID-19 testing:
  • Provider orders test code: COVID19 OSDH.

IF patient does NOT meet OSDH Public Health Lab Criteria for COVID-19 testing:
  • Consider the risk/benefit of testing an asymptomatic patient.

IF provider WANTS to test asymptomatic patient:
  • Provider orders reference lab test code: COVID19 REF

IF provider does NOT want to test asymptomatic patient:
  • Proceed with normal triage and treatment.

IF patient REQUIRES ADMISSION
  • Clinical Coordinator will discuss room placement with AOC and notify infection prevention coordinator on call.
  • Patient admitted.

IF patient does NOT require admission
  • ED provider determines patient’s next steps - including self-monitoring.
  • Proceed with normal triage and treatment.
  • Determine patient disposition.