

RECOMMENDED COVID TESTING FOR PATIENTS AWAITING HOSPITAL ADMISSION

RHODE ISLAND HOSPITAL AND HASBRO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Symptomatic non BHU admits

- Isolate (regardless of rapid antigen test result)
- Perform rapid antigen test
- Order a NON-rapid COVID PCR (COVID/FLU, COVID-19)
 - Rapid COVID PCR (COVID/FLU/RSV or RP2; only if needed to initiate COVID treatment)

Asymptomatic non-BHU admits

- Order non-rapid COVID PCR
 - if positive, isolate
 - if negative, no isolation needed

BHU admits

- Rapid COVID PCR test as done currently

Labor & delivery untested admissions

- Rapid COVID PCR test as done currently

Emergency kidney transplant

- Rapid COVID PCR test as done currently

Emergency Department

- Perform Rapid PCR testing in the following limited scenarios:
 - Homeless patients being discharged
 - SNF patients being discharged
 - Admissions from ED to the PACU-ICU
 - Febrile neonates at provider discretion

Patient status	Rapid Antigen Test Result	Isolation	PCR result discrepant
Symptomatic	Negative	Remain on modified contact/droplet isolation based on symptoms. Await PCR results and consider other alternative respiratory pathogens prior to removing from isolation.	Default to a positive test in patients with symptoms. Antigen negative; PCR positive = COVID w/Mod C&D precautions
	Positive	Patient remains on modified contact/droplet isolation until they meet criteria for discontinuation. Decision Making Algorithm for Removal of Isolation Precautions COVID-19 Positive Patients (lifespan.org)	Antigen positive; PCR negative= COVID w/Mod C&D precautions If antigen neg, PCR neg, remove modified and continue standard droplet and contact