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

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<th>Patient status</th>
<th>Rapid Antigen Test Result</th>
<th>Isolation</th>
<th>PCR result discrepant</th>
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<td>Symptomatic</td>
<td>Negative</td>
<td>Remain on modified contact/droplet isolation based on symptoms. Await PCR results and consider other alternative respiratory pathogens prior to removing from isolation.</td>
<td>Default to a positive test in patients with symptoms. Antigen negative; PCR positive = COVID w/Mod C&amp;D precautions</td>
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<td>Positive</td>
<td>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)]</td>
<td>Antigen positive; PCR negative= COVID w/Mod C&amp;D precautions If antigen neg, PCR neg, remove modified and continue standard droplet and contact</td>
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