

Lifespan Outpatient Algorithm for COVID-19 Evaluation - 5/6/2022

Screen patient and essential caregiver for COVID -19 over the phone prior to appointments or upon arrival.

Remind patients and essential caregiver to wear a mask to appointment.

Upon Arrival:

Provide a healthcare provided mask to either replace **or cover** their mask.

Instruct patient and caregiver to wear their masks for the entire visit.

Check in Screening:

- Do you have a fever, cold, cough, sore throat, or any other respiratory illness?
- Do you have chills, headache or muscle pain?
- Do you have a loss or reduced ability to smell or detect odors, or a reduced or distorted sense of taste?
- Have you tested positive for COVID in the last 5 days?
- Have you had contact in the last 10 days with a person who tested positive for the virus, is currently being tested, or has been placed on home quarantine by the Dept of Health?

YES

Place patient (parent/caregiver) in an exam room (negative-pressure if available), close door and notify provider.

Provider assesses patient. Provider may contact patient via phone from outside of room, or if face-to-face evaluation is needed, single provider can enter room using **PPE (N95 with eye protection, gloves, gown [if available] and ensure patient is wearing a mask).**

If **mild – mod** symptoms and safe to go home, consider DOH testing at drive-through site.

If clinic/location has the ability to test: obtain specimen and send to lab. Ensure specimen collection and Patient Identification are followed, as per policy.

If patient is a **Lifespan HCW** who is safe to go home, have him/her notify his/her affiliate EOHS. Affiliate EOHS will determine plan for testing and return to work.

If patient is critically ill and requires hospital level of care, arrange transfer to the closest **ED** and **call to notify ED that patient is a r/o COVID-19 (PUI)** and requires **Modified Contact Droplet Isolation.**

Review CDC recommendations for “If You Are Sick or Caring for Someone” <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/index.html>

Instruct patient: “If any difficulty breathing, increased fever, or any worsening of symptoms contact your provider and if you feel you need urgent or emergent care—call 911.”

Disinfect room with an EPA-approved product (staff advised to wear PPE if done <60 minutes after patient leaves).