

Lifespan outpatient algorithm for COVID-19 evaluation

Do you have **fever** and/or any symptoms of acute respiratory illness such as **cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing**?*

YES

Give MASK to patient (if not wearing one) and ask to clean their hands

Have you had **contact in last 14 days** with a **person who tested positive for COVID-19**, is **currently being tested**, or **been placed on home quarantine** by the Dept. of Health?

YES or NO

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YES

NO

Proceed with check-in as routine visit

Place patient alone (include a family member in case of child only) in exam room (negative pressure if available) and close door, notify provider

Provider should assess patient. Provider may contact patient via phone from outside room or, if face to face evaluation is needed, single provider can enter room using **PPE (Face mask with eye shield, gloves, gown (if available))**

If confirmed **no symptoms** (including atypical presentation), no testing needed**

If **mild - mod symptoms** and safe to go home, no testing needed. Telehealth follow-up within 24-48 hours (ideally, within 24 hours, including weekends) **

If patient **Lifespan HCW** with **mild - mod symptoms** and safe to go home, no testing needed during visit. Telehealth follow-up within 24-48 hours (ideally, within 24 hours, including weekends). Report to EOHS prior to returning to work once next steps have been determined**

If patient is **clinically 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 and requires Maximum Isolation Precautions**

After dispo: Disinfect room with EPA approved product (if done < 60 min of patient leaving, staff advised to wear PPE)

*Screen over the phone prior to clinic appointment, if mild symptoms and no need for medical care, advise patient to stay home, self-isolate and monitor for symptom progression

**Review CDC recommendations for "Caring for Yourself at Home"
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/caring-for-yourself-at-home.html>