# ACNW COVID-19 Screening Emergency Department



### This pathway is intended as a guide for staff/providers and is not intended to replace clinical judgement.

#### Screening

(Staff member screening to wear appropriate mask and eye protection per universal masking protocol during screening process) Screen all patients/family/caregivers on arrival to ED for exposure to COVID-19 positive person or PUI

SYMPTOMS	Acute onset of any of the following symptoms:			
	-Fever and/or chills	-Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing		
	-Cough	-Fatigue		
	-Sore throat	-Headache		
	-New loss of taste or smell-Congestion or runny nose			
	-Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea -Muscle or body aches (not explained by exercise or activity)			
	OR			
EXPOSURE (Patients)	Close contact with person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 or person			
	under investigation for	COVID-19 in the past 14 days		

Patient Referrals: Answers to screening questions will be obtained from OSH and on arrival to ED Patients arriving by EMS will be screened during radio report or at EMS door Adults visiting Arkansas Children's: Take the adult's temperature. Ask if adult has any of the above symptoms and/or has been tested for COVID-19/been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in past 14 days.

## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Standard isolation mask for routine care
- N-95 mask (FIT test required) or CAPR (MAXAIR PAPR) for aerosol-generating procedures
- N-95 mask for collecting specimen to rule out COVID
- Eye protection
- Gown
- Gloves



YES = POSITIVE SCREEN\_

- STOP
- Place mask on patient, family, and escorting staff
- Patient stable: Notify charge nurse, he/she will determine who will escort patient to AIIR rooms 6 and 7, negative pressure rooms 21, 22, 23, 24.
  Place patient on Special Respiratory Enhanced Contact Isolation (see yellow PPE box)
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  Obtain cell phone number to contact primary caregiver and for ED point person (TL, RN)

Inform ED Team Leader, Attending

**NO= NEGATIVE SCREEN** 

**Proceed as normal** 

Place mask on patient and place patient in any open room

Behavioral Heath patientsprovide wire-free mask

### **Patient Care**

- Special Respiratory Enhanced Contac Isolation (signs on all doors)
- Attending/APN and RN only to care for patient (no students)
- Disposable equipment is used for patient care (DO NOT remove equipment from room)
- Advise patient and family to not leave room and obtain phone number for Admissions
- Registration & Financial Counseling to be completed via phone
- Cluster care-minimize room entry

### ED Team Leader

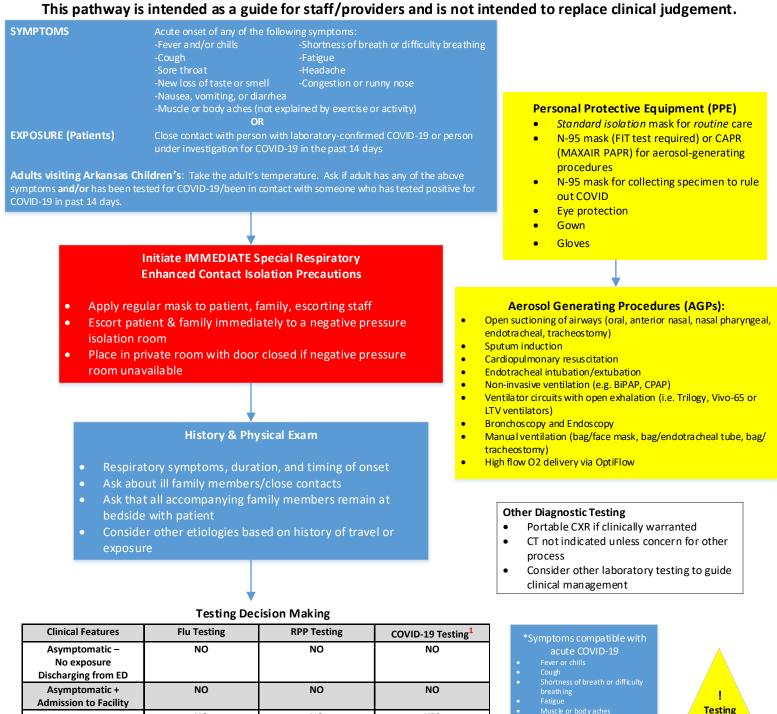
- Notify ED TL on shift/on call
- Ensure Special Respiratory Enhance Contact isolation is in place
- Ensure RN/Provider wear PPE, have
  - been FIT tested or have CAPR
  - Staff complete PPE Assessment in EPIC

GO TO COVID-19 POSITIVE SCREEN PATHWAY FOR ED

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## ACNW COVID-19 Positive Screen Pathway **Emergency Department**





Clinical Features	Flu Testing	RPP Testing	COVID-19 Testing <sup>1</sup>
Asymptomatic – No exposure Discharging from ED	NO	NO	NO
Asymptomatic + Admission to Facility	NO	NO	NO
Asymptomatic & exposure (at least 5 days after exposure)	NO	NO	YES
Symptoms* compatible with acute COVID-19 with mild symptoms (discharge)	YES	NO	YES
Symptoms* compatible with acute COVID-19 with moderate/severe symptoms (admission)	YES	As clinically indicated	YES

lab. If we run out of viral transport media, (1) NP swab in normal saline is acceptable for COVID-19 PCR testing; however the RPP will not be able to be performed.

#### Discharge

- Review follow-up recommendations Supportive care including hydration and antipyretics
- Quarantine instructions, including
- Follow up with PCP

CDC home care guidance - English version CDC home care guidance-Spanish version

See Guidelines for Patients on Special Respiratory Enhanced **Contact Isolation** for information on transporting

### Admission

All patients being tested for COVID-19 require quarantine

should

be based on clinical suspicion

Admit to an appropriate • inpatient isolation room

oss of taste or <u>smell</u>

Mask patient, family, and staff • during transport