Clinical Guidance on Management of Suspected COVID-19 Infections
George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates

Personal Protective Equipment:
- Patients under investigation (PUI) for COVID-19:
  - Wear surgical mask and gloves
- Providers and staff interacting with PUI for COVID-19:
  - N95 mask and gloves
  - If obtaining nasopharyngeal or oropharyngeal swab, also wear protective gown, and face shield

Who should be tested?
- Please see guidance charts below, though generally if patient is having respiratory symptoms, myalgias or generally ill appearing, then test for COVID-19
- Please consider other respiratory illnesses or alternative diagnoses, and test accordingly (e.g., rapid flu, rapid strep, etc.), but still perform COVID-19 testing

Where should you send patients for testing?
- 22nd and I Street (2150 Pennsylvania Ave building, south entrance)
  - Mon – Fri, 8am – 5pm
- GW IPC locations (https://gwdocsipc.com/)
- If clinically unstable or needs urgent evaluation after hours, please direct to Emergency Department
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**Patient with reported fever, cough or shortness of breath (lower respiratory symptoms), sore throat, myalgias or generally ill appearing**

Perform nasopharyngeal OR oropharyngeal swab for COVID-19
Can additionally perform rapid flu or rapid strep, if clinically indicated, which should be performed in PPE

**AND**

Confirm and document two contact telephone numbers for the patient.
Instruct the patient to return home and isolate themselves until testing has resulted, and contact their healthcare provider if symptoms worsen.

**Person who is asymptomatic but with known exposure to a person with confirmed COVID-19**

1. Direct patient to self-quarantine for 14 days, monitoring symptoms and twice daily temperatures
2. Contact provider if symptoms develop
3. If a provider has questions, they should send a TigerConnect message to “MFA COVID-19 Consult”