

Clinical Guidance on Management of Patients with Suspected COVID-19 Infections The GW Medical Faculty Associates

Personal Protective Equipment:

- **Patients** under investigation (PUI) for COVID-19 or with confirmed COVID-19 infection:
 - Patients should wear surgical mask and gloves

- **Providers and staff** evaluating a PUI or with confirmed COVID-19 in **ambulatory setting within 6 feet for less than 10 minutes with the patient who is wearing a surgical mask and gloves**:
 - Providers and staff should wear surgical mask and gloves

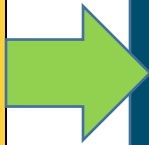
- **Providers and staff** evaluating a PUI or with confirmed COVID-19 in **ambulatory setting within 6 feet for more than 10 minutes OR when obtaining oropharyngeal/nasopharyngeal swabs or other procedures requiring patient to lower their surgical mask**:
 - Providers and staff should wear N95 mask, gloves, protective gown, and face shield
 - *****NOTE: In the ambulatory setting, the oropharyngeal/nasopharyngeal swabs should only be performed at GW IPC locations, the COVID-19 Testing Tent (locations below)*****

Where should you send patients for testing?

- 600 22nd St., NW, Washington, DC 20052 (Smith Center building, G street entrance)
 - Mon – Fri, 8:00am – 3:30pm
- GW IPC locations (<https://gwdocsipc.com/>)
- If clinically unstable or needs urgent evaluation after hours, please direct to Emergency Department
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Who should be tested?

Patient with reported cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, myalgias, headache, sore throat or new loss of taste or smell



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

AND

1. Confirm and document two contact telephone numbers for the patient
2. Direct patient to self-quarantine for 14 days until testing has resulted
3. Inform patient to contact provider if symptoms worsen

Patient who is asymptomatic at Days 7-14 from a known medium- or high-risk exposure to a person with confirmed COVID-19, if clinical judgement indicates



Perform testing for COVID-19

AND

1. Confirm and document two contact telephone numbers for the patient
2. Direct patient to self-quarantine for 14 days, monitoring symptoms and twice daily temperatures
3. Inform patient to contact provider if symptoms develop
4. Educate patient that an asymptomatic person who has negative test result could still develop symptoms and be infectious for COVID-19 within days

Patient who is planned for an upcoming surgery, test or procedure where testing is indicated by the healthcare provider



Perform testing for COVID-19

AND

1. Confirm and document two contact telephone numbers for the patient
2. Direct patient to follow surgical, testing or procedural instructions
3. Inform patient to contact provider if symptoms develop
4. Educate patient that an asymptomatic person who has negative test result could still develop symptoms and be infectious for COVID-19 within days