

COVID-19 Test Order/Referral Instructions for MFA Providers

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COVID-19 Testing (*I want my patient tested*)

GW is offering unscheduled walk-up COVID-19 testing for adults with a physician referral at 22nd and I St NW site (current tent outside the lobby), Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Our drive-through testing site closed as of June 11, 2020.

How Do I Order and Arrange for Testing?

1. Order the COVID-19 test in Allscripts (COVID-19L 139900)
2. Direct your patient to come to the COVID-19 testing outside of the 2150 Penn building at 22nd and I St NW between 8:30am and 3:30pm. Please remind them to bring their photo ID and insurance card.

Who Should I Test?

The latest MFA guidance for testing is available on the COVID-19 site at www.covid19gwhealth.org under GW MFA Updates in the “Clinical Resources” section

If you are still unsure, you can receive a peer consult through TigerConnect by messaging “MFA COVID-19 Consult” or you can direct the patient for an in-person exam at the tent (see below)

Please do not predispose your patient to the type of test they will be getting at the tent. We will be administering tests based on supply availability. We currently can offer Oral/oropharyngeal and Nares (mid/anterior) tests.

What Are My Responsibilities with Results?

Results will come back to you (the ordering provider) electronically through Allscripts. Please make sure that your results tasks are being monitored frequently and that you follow-up with the patient promptly.

COVID-19 Exams (*I want my patient evaluated*)

MFA continues to offer unscheduled walk-up exams for MFA employees, GWUH employees, residents, and established MFA patients. You can send a patient for walk-up assessment between 8:30am and 3:30pm, Monday through Friday, at the existing tent at 22nd and I St NW.

Patients should understand that they will be evaluated first to see if a test is warranted. Not all walk-up patients will be tested. Patients who present will be examined by an MFA provider who will conduct a focused assessment to determine whether a COVID-19 test is indicated and collect the specimen if one is. This is a billable visit. Results from these tests will go to the DGIM team for follow-up, but will be visible in the patient’s chart. You will not receive a task or notification of any results, so you are encouraged to set a reminder to check the chart.

We ask that you limit these unscheduled referrals to patients who are already present in clinic or patients you are unable to properly assess via telephone or telemedicine.

Patients will be informed on how to access results and receive a note to return to work if needed. New guidelines for those who have recently been protesting and in large gatherings will be forthcoming but the general rule is to encourage patients to be tested 7 days after they participated.

You and your patients can find more information about the GW COVID-19 telehealth and testing services at www.gwcovid19testing.com