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 at 22nd and I Street NW, or the Drive-Through Testing***

Where should you send patients for testing?

- **22nd and I Street** (2150 Pennsylvania Ave building, south entrance)
  - Mon – Fri, 8:30am – 3:30pm
- **Drive-Through Testing** ([https://gwcovid19testing.com](https://gwcovid19testing.com))
- **GW IPC locations** ([https://gwdocsipc.com/](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 fever, cough or shortness of breath (lower respiratory symptoms), sore throat, myalgias or generally ill appearing

YES

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

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 testing warranted

YES

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