Clinical Guidance on Management of Suspected COVID-19 Infections
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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 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 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, this should only be performed at GW IPC locations or at the COVID-19 Testing Tent at 22nd and I Street NW***

Who should be tested?

- Please see workflow 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/](https://gwdocsipc.com/))
- If clinically unstable or needs urgent evaluation after hours, please direct to Emergency Department
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”