

ACH COVID-19 Screening Ambulatory Care

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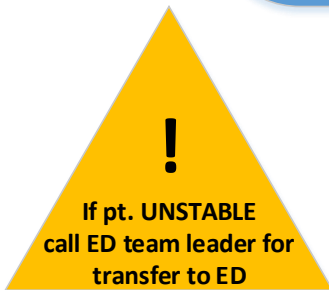
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OR

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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>



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If pt. **UNSTABLE**
call ED team leader for
transfer to ED

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Standard isolation mask for routine care
- N-95 mask (FIT test required) or CAPR (MAXAIR PAPR) for aerosol-generating (likely to produce cough) procedures
- Eye protection
- Gown
- Gloves

YES = POSITIVE SCREEN

NO = NEGATIVE SCREEN

STOP

- Place standard isolation mask on patient, family, and escorting staff
- Place in private room with door closed if negative pressure room unavailable
- Notify Attending and COM
- Provider to ensure patient is stable for clinic visit
- Limit number of staff taking care of patient
- Place patient on Special Respiratory Enhanced Contact Isolation (see yellow PPE box)
- Obtain cell phone number to contact primary caregiver and for clinic point person (COM, TL, RN)

Proceed as normal
Provide standard isolation mask for patients with respiratory symptoms and place on respiratory contact precautions

- External to AC please call 1-800-743-3616 with questions
- Internal to AC please call IP on-call with any questions that are outside the guidance provided here (does not fit the guideline)

Caregiver Positive Screen

If caregiver/family member screens positive, refer them to their Primary Care Provider

OR

if caregiver is unstable, follow normal escalation procedure, including proper isolation.

SUSPECTED

GO TO CORONAVIRUS POSITIVE SCREEN PATHWAY FOR AMBULATORY CARE

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Initiate IMMEDIATE Special Respiratory Enhanced Contact Isolation Precautions

- Place standard isolation mask on patient, family, escorting staff
- Escort patient & family immediately to a negative pressure isolation room
- Place in private room with door closed if negative pressure room unavailable

General Aerosol Generating Procedures:

- Nasopharyngeal swab
- Tracheal intubation/extubation
- Suction before/after intubation
- Nebulizer treatments
- Manipulation of oxygen masks
- Manual ventilation
- Bronchoscopy
- Non-invasive ventilation
- Defibrillation
- Chest physiotherapy
- High flow oxygen
- Tracheostomy
- Manipulation of BiPAP mask
- Open endotracheal suction

History & Physical Exam

- Respiratory symptoms, duration, and timing of onset
- Ask about ill family members/close contacts
- Ask that all accompanying family members remain at bedside with patient
- Consider other etiologies based on history of travel or exposure

Provider Resources

[Infection Prevention Clinician Resources](#)

[CDC Information for Healthcare Professionals](#)

[Arkansas Department of Health: 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)

[Interim Guidance for Implementing Home Care of People Not Requiring Hospitalization for 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#)

Testing Decision Making

Clinical Features	Risk Factors	COVID-19 Testing
Asymptomatic	NO	NO
Acute Respiratory Infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel OR • Close contact with someone (confirmed) with COVID-19 	YES if exposure to a known COVID-19 (+) contact/Person Under Investigation
Acute Respiratory Infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immunosuppressed or compromised 	Follow above decision making

*Order "COVID-19 Panel", select "External Reference Lab". Collect (1) NP swab in viral transport media and send to main lab.

Discharge

- Review follow-up recommendations
- Supportive care including hydration and antipyretics
- Quarantine instructions, including duration
- Process for revisit
- Provide caregiver with AC RN triage line should questions arise: 1-800-743-3616
- CDC home care guidance

Patient too ill for outpatient evaluation and treatment

Transfer to Emergency Department

- Ensure proper isolation protocol is followed
- Transfer to nearest Emergency Department
- Arkansas Children's Transfer: 1-800-ACH-HELP