**Algorithm for Screening Patients for Coronavirus**

At this time we are screening all patients, either presenting to the clinic or telephone triage, who seek care and have signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19: fever and/or symptoms of acute respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing). Fever may be subjective or measured.

*This initial question should be asked by staff of patients presenting at the point of check-in at clinical location or when initiating a Telephone Encounter*

**Exposure Risk**

- Patient exhibits signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19
  - Fever (subjective or confirmed), and/or
  - Symptoms of acute respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing).
- In the absence of Symptoms:
  - Close contact (within 6 feet) with a person under investigation or a person confirmed to have COVID-19, within the past 14 days.

**Not a Person Under Investigation**

Follow standard triage protocols Including, R/O Flu, RSV or other respiratory illness, as applicable.

**Front Desk staff will immediately notify appropriate clinical staff at this point, if not already involved**

**At home**

1. Advise patient to stay where they are and await further direction
2. PCP Office – Confer with PCP for testing
3. Specialty Office – Instruct patient to follow up with PCP

**Where is patient?**

1. Place a surgical mask on the patient immediately and isolate them in a single room.
2. Initiate CONTACT and DROPLET precautions with appropriate PPE (Gloves, Gown, Universal N95, Eye Protection).
3. Limit staff contact with patient.
4. For symptomatic, but stable patients
   - PCP Office – Follow testing criteria
   - Specialty Office – Send patient home and notify PCP office who will provide patient further direction.
5. If patient requires acute medical attention, follow standard emergency process. In addition, notify ED and emergency personnel (i.e. ambulance) of COVID-19 person under investigation (PUI)

**In the office or UCC**

Initiate screening
documentation in EPIC