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.

Where is patient?

- At home
- In the office or UCC

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

Initiate screening documentation in EPIC

1. Isolate the patient in single room.
2. Initiate STANDARD and DROPLET precautions with appropriate PPE.
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)

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

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