Algorithm for Screening of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) for patients

All CVMC patients will be screened for FEVER and/or RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS. The goal is to establish whether they need testing for COVID-19 vs. stable for home care without testing. **These initial questions should be asked by CVMC staff at the point of check-in**

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**Does not need testing**
Follow standard triage protocols/COVID counseling

**Does the patient fall under any of the following categories?**

1. Healthcare workers/employees who present with symptoms, even if well enough for home care.
2. First responders (EMT, police, firefighters)
3. High risk for complicated illness, including:
   - Adults age >60 with comorbidities
   - Immunocompromised
   - Pregnant women

Consult with Vermont Department of Health (VDH) at **802-863-7240** to advise that you have a patient to be tested for COVID-19.

Direct the patient to CVMC’s COVID-19 Hotline **(802-371-5310)** for further instructions.

If an UNSTABLE patient needs hospitalization, please notify the Emergency Department at **371-4265** so they can be prepared to immediately isolate. Pt to wear a face mask for transfer.

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1 **Comorbidities**: Chronic lung disease, uncontrolled diabetes (A1C >7.0), heart disease, hemodialysis, neuromuscular disease.
2 **Immunocompromised**: Cancer, solid organ transplant, on immunosuppressive drugs, advanced HIV