COVID-19 Butterworth Emergency Department Cohort Plan – January 20, 2021 0817
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| 1       | Patients arrive to ED triage through the main ED entrance or via EMS through the ambulance bay entrance and all patients are masked upon arrival into the department. | If unable to tolerate a mask, patient is immediately brought to a doored room or to the trauma bay.  
1 visitor per non-COVID patient is allowed. Patients 18-21 years old are allowed 2 visitors. |  |
| 2       | If during the initial triage the patient screens positive for COVID symptoms on the Travel Screen or is already confirmed positive, priority is given to placing the patient in a private room with a door.  
Due to capacity within the department, if a COVID positive or rule out COVID patient needs to remain in the waiting room, the patient will be masked and every attempt to maintain proper social distancing will be in place.  
Due to capacity within the department, if a COVID positive or rule out COVID patient is unable to be placed in a doored room, the patient will be placed in a curtain room with the curtain kept closed at all times.  
Hallway beds will be avoided whenever possible but if needed for COVID positive or PUI patients, the patient must be able to securely maintain a mask covering mouth and nose. | Per Infection Prevention:  
Appropriate cohorting of patients in the emergency department includes putting COVID positive patients or PUI patients in a private room (whenever possible) and keeping the door closed. Initiating Severe Respiratory Isolation Precautions and maintain precautions until no longer deemed necessary.  
COVID positive or PUI patients will not receive any aerosolizing treatment or procedure while in a curtain room or in a hallway bed. |  |