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Asymptomatic patients:
Standard precautions. Isolate if test result (+).

All other patients:
Isolation indicated.

Box 1: ED COVID Retesting Guideline

ED Patients Previously (+) for COVID-19:
Currently Asymptomatic:
<= 90 days since initial positive test
No retesting recommended. Follow isolation discontinuation guidelines.
> 90 days since initial (+) test
Retesting only recommended for admission cohorting or procedural clearance needs. Isolate if positive.

ED Patients Previously (-) for COVID-19:
Currently Asymptomatic:
<= 96 hours since most recent negative test
No retesting. Patient is COVID negative for purposes of admission cohorting or procedure clearance.
> 96 hours since most recent negative test
Test if patient has an appropriate indication.

Currently Symptomatic:
Initiate isolation & consider retesting.

ED patient presents with any of the below:
• COVID Symptom(s): at least 1 from the following:
  Fever, Cough, Shortness of breath, Loss of Taste or Smell, Fatigue, Body Aches, Headache, Sore Throat, Congestion, Diarrhea, Nausea/Vomiting
• Code: STEMI/Cath Lab, Trauma Activation, Stroke Hot Spot, Post Arrest, other
• Unable to assess symptoms: AMS, No reliable historian, etc.
• Known exposure (within 6 feet for ≥ 15 min) least four days ago
• Screening ahead of an upcoming surgery/procedure with likely airway manipulation or required for facility admission.

Swab Source:
NP is preferred.
Anterior Nares acceptable for mild symptoms OR if NP contraindicated.

If COVID negative, discuss de-escalation of Severe Respiratory Isolation w/ Admitting Team. Inform ED RN of decision for awareness & EMR update.

Box 2: CDC Isolation Discontinuation Criteria:
Mild/moderate illness (no ICU) & not severely immunocompromised:
10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND
24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND
Symptoms (e.g., cough, SOB) have improved
Asymptomatic patients NOT severely immunocompromised may discontinue isolation once 10 days have passed since their first positive COVID-19 PCR.

Severe/critical illness (ICU stay) OR severely immunocompromised:
20 days have passed since symptoms first appeared AND
24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever-reducing medications AND
Symptoms (e.g., cough, SOB) have improved
Asymptomatic, severely immunocompromised patients may discontinue isolation once 20 days have passed since their first positive COVID-19 PCR.

Severely immunocompromised = History of solid organ or bone marrow transplant; Cancer undergoing chemotherapy; Primary immunodeficiency; HIV infection; or on Immunosuppressive medications.