PT / OT ordered on COVID-19 positive patient

Is patient in ICU?
Yes → Is patient improving/stable respiratory status AND hemodynamically stable?
Yes → Complete chart review and call into patient room as needed to compare PLOF to current function. Is there a significant difference?
Yes → HOLD Write reschedule note
No → CANCEL ORDER Due to patient being at baseline

No → Enter patient room and complete eval/treatment.

Are patient respiratory status/symptoms stable or improving?
Yes → Hold until status improves; Write reschedule note
No → Hold SLP eval until resolved and place temporary alternative nutrition

SLP ordered on COVID-19 positive patient

Is patient exhibiting any of these symptoms: HR>130; BP >180/100; Respiration rate >35; spO2 <90; Absent voice; unable to maintain adequate alertness?
Yes → Hold SLP eval until resolved and place temporary alternative nutrition

No → Did patient cough during RN swallow screening?
Yes → SLP to see for bedside evaluation. No instrumental evaluations (VFSS or FEES) completed on COVID positive patients

No → CANCEL SLP ORDER; RN to order general diet

PUI (persons under investigation)
- PT/OT/SLP will reschedule patient until test results are confirmed
- This is to conserve unnecessary PPE and to make the most accurate recommendation based upon plan of care.
- Exception – SLP for patients who have been PUI for greater than 24 hours:
  - NPO w/o alternative form of nutrition
  - NPO w/o diet order
  - Treatment of NPO patients without alternative form of nutrition or diet order will be via bedside swallow study, not Instrumentation Assessment (VFSS, FEES).