

Medical Group

Guidelines for Caring for a COVID-19 Patient – Faculty Practice Clinics February 24, 2020

In the event that a patient identified as COVID-19 positive, or a Person under Investigation (PUI), needs to be seen in an ambulatory clinic the following standards for **Transmission Based Precaution** will apply.

Note: Now that all HCWs are masked for all patient encounters, precautions can be discontinued when the following criteria are met:

- At least 3 days without fever (without use of fever reducing medication) **AND**
- Symptoms have resolved or patient has returned to baseline status **AND**
- At least 14 days since symptom onset

Pre-visit Process:

Each site supervisor will identify a specific room/s that will be used for any COVID-19 positive patients, ensuring the room meets the following criteria:

- Close to main entry to minimize the patient's walk through the clinic
- Large enough to allow for maximum distancing of patient and provider.

Main Campuses (ACC/MCHV, Fanny Allen, UHC)

- The supervisor, or their designee, will notify Security of the patient visit. Security will communicate to the Screening team at the site of patient's pending arrival.

Satellite Campuses

- The supervisor, or their designee will communicate to the Screening team at the site of patient's pending arrival.

Patient Instructions:

- Patient will be instructed to wear a procedure mask at all times and perform hand hygiene on arrival in clinic.
- Patient will be instructed to identify themselves as having an appointment in the designated clinic, screeners will confirm and send patient to clinic.

Patient Visit in Clinic:

- Patient will be roomed immediately after arriving in clinic, in previously identified room.
- PPE Guidelines:
 - Follow Airborne & Contact Precautions— *Fit-tested n95*, face shield, gown, gloves
- Only staff necessary for the visit should enter the room.
- To minimize risk and conserve PPE, once staff has entered the room, they should stay in the room until completion of visit.

- Consider having provider obtain vital signs, administer medications.
 - MA/CCA/LPN/RN should be utilized only if provider is unable to complete staff task.
- Post visit, patient will leave their mask on and proceed immediately out of the building.
- After patient has left the room, staff can doff PPE and discard in room trash. Trash is handled per standard process.

Cleaning Post Visit:

- Room is closed for 1 hour after the patient leaves. Place signage on the door.
 - After 1 hour, following standard cleaning process.
- Any equipment used in patient care will be cleaned e.g. stethoscopes, thermometer, and otoscopes.