COVID-19: Outside Hospital Transfer

Resources & Updates
- UCM Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Center
- UCM Video: How to Don and Doff Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

For clinical operations regarding the care of COVID-19 inpatient or COVID-19 patients, see the COVID-19 Infection Control Plan (303025).

Recent Updates:
- 5/14/2020
  Updated PPE donning instructions

Patient Presentation

1. Does the patient have symptoms concerning for COVID-19?
   - Yes
   - No

   Order: Inpatient Test & Isolation

   Contact Isolation
   Special Respiratory Isolation
   COVID-19 Routine Nasal Sample

   RN Collects Sample

   1. Nasal swab for COVID-19 (Nasopharyngeal)
   2. Place swab in the container
   3. COVID-19 swab labeled
   4. Ensure appropriate PPE is worn (gown, gloves, eye protection, and surgical mask)

   RN Tube Specimen Directly to Microbiology (Tube Station 300)

   COVID-19 Lab Result

   Negative
   Maintain Isolation and Follow Confirmed Pathway
   - Adult: Inpatient Confirmed
     - Pediatric: Inpatient Confirmed
     - NICU: Inpatient/Neonatal
     - L&D: Labor & Delivery

   Positive
   Follow up sheet to discontinue the following:
   - Special Respiratory (SRR)
   - Contact Preventions

   Preventions cannot be discontinued if the patient has any of the following:
   - Positive COVID-19 qualitative PCR lab result
   - In the last 30 days
   - Enrolled in the COVID-19 exposed pathway
   - Active or isolated or depressed COVID-19 qualitative PCR lab

   Then may be situations where the concern for COVID-19 remains high based on the clinical status of a patient despite negative tests. In this case, the patient should remain on Special Respiratory/Preventions and Contact Isolation.

Please Page the COVID-19 Command Team (303019) for assistance in making SRR decisions in these scenarios.