

Clinical Brief | COVID-19

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

INFORMATION FOR ALL CLINICIANS

In an effort to keep you current regarding AdventHealth's response to COVID-19, we are providing frequent clinical updates to all clinicians. The following topics are included in this brief.

- AdventHealth COVID-19 Situation Report
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy
- Aggressively Discharge Patients
- Prioritizing COVID-19 Testing
- National Stockpile Access
- Update from 3/22/20 – Visitation Policy and Elective Surgeries

COVID-19 Situation Report

COVID-19	CFD	WFD	MSD
Confirmed	66	6	9
Pending	2,582	282	310

*Based on lab test info currently available

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy

AdventHealth is committed to the protection of every provider and team member who cares for our patients. We are also committed to securing all available supplies; however, supply levels are still a concern, and conservation practices are now paramount.

- Face masks should be worn for PUI and COVID-19 patients in addition to gown, gloves and eye protection. For a graphic on what PPE to use for COVID-19, click [here](#).
- N95 masks are reserved for high-risk transmission, such as COVID-19 cohort units and care involving aerosol-generating procedures, such as intubation and bronchoscopies.
- Click [here](#) for a link to the AdventHealth PPE Standard Operating Procedure Policy published today.

Team Member Use of N95 Masks

Please use face masks for all non-high-risk transmission cases and only use N95 masks for high-risk transmission.

Per [the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), situations that are high risk of transmission and absolutely require N95 include:

- Caring for suspected/confirmed COVID-19 patients with a high risk of transmission having any aerosol-generating procedures (AGP)

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- **AGP examples:** Intubation, mechanical ventilation and bronchoscopy
- In designated units caring exclusively for COVID-19 patients (cohorted patients)

Aggressively Manage Patients LOS

Please aggressively manage length of stay for all inpatients. The intent is to ensure resources (patient beds and team members) are available in the event of a surge.

Prioritizing COVID-19 Testing

The availability of test kits, reagents, and reference lab testing remain very low. Providers should test patients in this order of priority:

- 1) Inpatients
- 2) Symptomatic health care workers
- 3) [High-risk, symptomatic groups](#) (65 and older, lives in a nursing home/long-term care facility, poorly controlled diabetes, pregnancy, immunocompromised, receiving cancer treatment, BMI>40, renal failure, liver disease, heart disease complications, chronic lung disease or asthma)
- 4) Testing inpatients who require a negative test to proceed to Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)
- 5) For ambulatory patients use clinical judgement and treat symptomatically as long as testing remains unavailable or significantly delayed.

Physician COVID-19 Resource Hub

An external [AdventHealth website for all physicians](#) is now live with COVID-19 resources. More content is in development.

INFORMATION FOR LEADERS

Accessing the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)

Corporate Supply Chain is working with local Emergency Management teams to obtain supplies from the SNS -- a federal supply of life-saving medicines and medical supplies – accessible upon request by the state governor. Federal personnel will then work with state and local officials to determine what’s needed in the state.

Markets should work closely with their Emergency Management team, escalating to the division or even the system command if help is required to navigate the process. Some states, such as Florida, have already requested and received SNS supplies.

FROM THE LAST BRIEF

Elective surgeries and procedures should be in place by end of business Wednesday, March 25.

The AdventHealth tiered visitation policy will be decided the facility, region or division-level using [the tiered structure](#).

We encourage you to take care of yourself, your families and each other as we move through this ongoing response to COVID-19.

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Online

[Coronavirus SharePoint Site](#) | [Providers](#) | [FAQs](#)

[AdventHealth Coronavirus Website](#) | [Videos](#) | [Blog](#)

[Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

Department of Health: [Florida](#), [Georgia](#), [North Carolina](#), [Kansas](#), [Kentucky](#), [Texas](#), [Wisconsin](#)

Worldwide Coronavirus Data: [Johns Hopkins' global cases webpage](#)

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