

Clinical Brief #4 | COVID-19

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PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO ALL CLINICIANS ASAP

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.

- Isolation Gown Conservation Alert
- GRAPHIC: Code Blue Process for PUIs and COVID-19 Patients
- Alternative Screening Sites

5 p.m. March 27 COVID-19 Situation Report

*Based on currently available lab test info

COVID-19	CFD	WFD	MSD
Confirmed Total	160	15	24
Currently Inpatient	44	5	9
Negative Tests	1,794	255	227
Pending	2,428	376	86

Isolation Gown Conservation Alert

It's imperative that all facilities conserve gowns as supplies nationwide and in AdventHealth are strained.

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) recommendations](#) and [AdventHealth SOP PPE Policy](#) include the following:

- Implement extended use: the same disposable or reusable cloth gown is used on COVID-19 patients who have no additional co-infection residing in an isolation cohort unit.
- Consider using gowns past their manufacturer-designated shelf life, if applicable.
- Prioritize gowns for aerosol-generating procedures and high-contact procedures (dressing, bathing, transferring, changing linens, etc.).

Code Blue Process for PUIs and COVID-19 Patients

Please use, print and distribute the [Code Blue Process graphic](#) that outlines the proper and safest process for resuscitating suspected/confirmed COVID-19 patients.

- PPE must be donned before entering the room – no exceptions.
- The code cart should stay outside of the room or > 6 feet from the patient, if possible.

- Use standard ACLS approach – the only exception to hold compressions for intubation to decrease chance of aerosolization and/or secretions.
- Bag valve masks should be used carefully; if used, it should have a viral filter and PEEP valve.
- Clean all equipment after use in accordance with established infection control standards.

Alternative Screening Sites

In order to conserve PPE, decrease spread of infection and comply with EMTALA obligations. Please see the following guidance for offsite triage procedures:

On-Campus Alternative Screening:

- Individuals may be redirected to an alternative site after being logged in and if screened positive for COVID-19 risk factors. Logging and redirection is done by a qualified HCP, i.e. RN, in order to recognize individuals who are in obvious need of immediate treatment in the ED.
- Process should not commingle PUI with non-PUI patients.
- Extent of Medical Screening Examination (MSE) varies according to the individual's presenting signs and symptoms. MSE must be performed by qualified medical personnel who can recognize Emergency Medical Conditions (EMC) and acting within their scope of state practice act, i.e., MD, NP, PA, RN.
- If individual is found to have an EMC, hospital must provide stabilizing treatment or appropriate transfer, including moving them as needed from the alternative site to another on-campus department.

Off-Campus Screening:

- Facilities may encourage public to go off-site for MSE but may not tell public that have already come to ED to go to off-site location for MSE.
- Staff screening areas must be clearly marked as not providing care for general EMC, only providing COVID-19 screening.
- Staff with medical personnel trained to evaluate Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) / COVID-19 symptoms and acting within their scope of state practice act, i.e., MD, NP, PA, RN.
- Facility is required to arrange referral / transfer for individuals needing medical emergent medical attention.

Reference: [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#)

Past Clinical Briefs:

[March 27 Clinical Brief](#), [March 26 Clinical Brief](#), [March 25 Clinical Brief](#)

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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[Novel Coronavirus Information Site](#) | [Providers](#) | [FAQs](#)

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

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

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

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

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