

Clinical Brief #5 | COVID-19

Tuesday March 31, 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:

- Team Member Mask Recommendation
- UPDATED with Algorithm: Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Transfer Policy
- UPDATED: Tiered Lab Testing and Algorithm
- Reciprocal State Licenses
- Resuscitation of Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) and COVID-19 Patients
- REMINDER: Gown Conservation Alert

5:00 pm March 30 COVID-19 Situation Report

*Based on COVID-19 Power BI Dashboard data

COVID-19	CFD	WFD	MSD
Confirmed Total	299	27	42
Currently Inpatient	66	0	15
Negative Tests	3,156	376	357
Total PUI	1,892	431	103

Team Member Mask Recommendation

For team members in clinical settings, please wear an ear loop mask if you are within six feet of a patient and/or a team member. This is to optimize prevention of COVID-19 spread.

UPDATED with Algorithm: SNF Transfer Policy

To assist you in visualizing the process, we have created an [algorithm](#) for clinicians transferring a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patient to an SNF. Please use and distribute this algorithm to the appropriate clinicians.

You can find the first SNF Transfer Policy in the March 26 Clinical Brief [here](#).

UPDATED: Tiered Lab Testing and Algorithm

The COVID-19 testing priorities have been updated, and a [COVID-19 Testing Algorithm](#) has been created for easy clinician use.

Required testing of SNF transfers is now number three in priority, and high-risk symptomatic outpatients is now number four.

Providers should test patients in this order of priority:

1. Symptomatic inpatients
2. Symptomatic health care workers
3. Inpatients who require a negative test to proceed to an SNF
4. [High-risk, symptomatic outpatients](#) (>65 years, BMI>40, SNF resident, chronic lung disease, asthma, serious heart conditions, immunosuppressed, malignancy) using clinical judgment
5. For ambulatory patients, use clinical judgement and treat symptomatically, as long as testing remains unavailable or significantly delayed

Reciprocal State Licenses

As the COVID-19 situation evolves and facilities continue to develop plans for clinician staffing, reciprocity for state licensure for physicians and nurses will play an important role. Currently, reciprocity policies and guidance are state-specific. Please use the following [link to access state-by-state guidance](#).

These policies may change over time, so check in periodically for updates.

Resuscitation of PUI and COVID-19 Patients

Regardless of COVID-19 status, all patients at AdventHealth facilities will be resuscitated unless a valid DNR or advance directive is in place. To optimize prevention of COVID-19 spread, a [Code Blue Guidance for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patient has been provided](#). Please print, distribute and use as needed.

REMINDER: Gown Conservation Alert

It's imperative that all facilities conserve gowns as supplies nationwide and within AdventHealth are strained. The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) recommendations](#) and [AdventHealth SOP PPE Policy](#) include the following tips for conserving gowns:

- 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.).

Past Clinical Briefs:

[March 28/29](#), [March 27](#), [March 26](#), [March 25](#)

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[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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