

Clinical Brief #36 | COVID-19

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INFORMATION FOR ALL CLINICIANS

Clinical leaders are providing frequent updates to all clinicians in an effort to keep you current about AdventHealth's response to COVID-19. The following topics are included in this brief:

- **Antigen Testing Recommendation**
- **COVID-19 Multidisciplinary Information Session VIII**

Antigen Testing Recommendation

Based on federal, external and internal validation studies, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) emergency use authorization (EUA) antigen tests (Quidel or BD Veritor) can be used for **symptomatic** patients (ED, Observation, IP) where there is clinical suspicion of COVID-19. If the antigen test result is **positive**, it is considered positive and they are treated as such. If the test result is **negative**, they will be considered a person under investigation (PUI), a PCR will be obtained and a result will follow. The patient who is PCR-tested must be treated as a symptomatic PUI as clinically indicated until the PCR is resulted.

The test would require a comment: "the sensitivity is low and all negative test results should be confirmed with PCR as clinically indicated."

Until further discussion and consensus is reached, the antigen test should not be used for asymptomatic or pre-admission testing (PAT).

Lab directors will have to be involved to supervise deployment of this test at individual facilities.

COVID-19 Multidisciplinary Information Session VIII

In wake of rapid developments with COVID-19 outbreaks, it's important to keep our team of physicians, advanced practice professionals, nurses, pharmacy technicians and respiratory therapists updated. This Thursday, July 16, from 6 to 7 p.m., a **COVID-19 Multidisciplinary Information Session VIII** will be livestreamed. Dr. Neil Finkler, senior vice president and chief medical officer for acute care services in the Central Florida Division – South Region, will host the event with a panel discussion. As usual, we will conclude with a question-and-answer session. You may text your questions to the phone number 407-906-1628. Please know that due to call volume, we may be limited to the amount of questions we can address.

[Click here](#) for more information about the upcoming session.

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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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[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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