

# Clinical Brief #34 | 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:

- **Ophthalmic Procedures Recommendation**
- **CDC Screening Question for Signs and Symptoms Updated**

### **Ophthalmic Procedures Recommendation**

As ophthalmologists resume surgical practice, we are providing additional guidance during the current pandemic. The scientific community along with AdventHealth Clinical have provided specific guidance for ophthalmologists as they resume operations.

Recommendations:

- Routine PCR testing prior to surgery
- Use Povidone-iodine disinfection for endonasal lacrimal and orbital procedures
- The personal protective equipment (PPE) risk stratification based on ophthalmic procedure and COVID-19 test result is as follows:
  - Use standard surgical PPE for surgeon if the patient is COVID-19-negative and undergoing a [low-risk procedure](#)
  - Use N95 respirator if the patient is COVID-19-positive or untested due to procedure being urgent or emergent
  - Use N95 respirator for [high-risk procedures](#) (such as aerosol generating procedures) regardless of test result
- An interval of 20-30 minutes between cases

### **CDC Screening Question for Signs and Symptoms Updated**

In late June 2020, the [CDC](#) added four additional signs and symptoms to their screening list for COVID-19. The additional signs and symptoms include:

1. Fatigue
2. Congestion or runny nose
3. Nausea/vomiting
4. Diarrhea

The full list of signs and symptoms are provided by the CDC [here](#).

All forms and applications that reference signs and symptoms will be updated in the coming days.

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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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[Novel Coronavirus Information Site](#)

[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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