## COVID-19 ED/UC ALGORITHM

**Note:** Latest updates will appear in blue.

Spatial separation (6 feet/2 meters) encouraged. Provide patient medical mask to wear. Instruct patient to clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub. Ask the following:

### SIGNS AND SYMPTOM CRITERIA

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<th>ONE symptom in Category A</th>
<th>TWO or more symptoms in Category B</th>
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<td>☐ Fever &gt;38 or subjective fever/chills</td>
<td>☐ Runny nose</td>
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<td>☐ Cough</td>
<td>☐ Muscle aches</td>
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<td>☐ Sore throat/hoarse voice</td>
<td>☐ Fatigue</td>
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<td>☐ Shortness of breath/breathing difficulty</td>
<td>☐ Conjunctivitis</td>
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<td>☐ Loss of taste or smell</td>
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<td>☐ Vomiting or diarrhea more than 24hrs</td>
<td>☐ Skin rash of unknown cause</td>
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**OR**

### HISTORY CRITERIA

Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days (either by rapid test or laboratory-based test)?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

### EXPOSURE CRITERIA

Have you been exposed in the last 14 days to someone that has tested positive for COVID-19 (either by rapid test or laboratory-based test) or has COVID-19 symptoms?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Unable to obtain answers to above questions (e.g., unconscious or delirious patient)? If so, treat as ORANGE.

**YES** to any of the above

**Yes to 1 Symptom in Category B**

**No** to all of the above

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### Droplet and Contact Precautions with Airborne Precautions if aerosol generating medical procedure (AGMP)

- If not able to isolate immediately, move into a designated segregated waiting area

**Routine Practices**

- Additional precautions (AP) as indicated (e.g., MRSA+)
- Identify isolation requirements (if applicable) in EDIS ISO type column
- If AGMP, as per Shared Health protocol.

### Patient Zone

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<td>COVID positive</td>
<td>COVID suspect OR</td>
<td>No known exposure and clinical presentation suggests non-COVID diagnosis OR</td>
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<td>COVID negative during this illness presentation AND exposure history within 14 days</td>
<td>See COVID-19 Cohorting guidelines.</td>
<td>COVID negative during this illness presentation AND no clinical COVID concerns</td>
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Admitting to dedicated red zone room/unit

**Based on clinical presentation and requirement for other APs (e.g., MRSA+)**

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**Note:** Essential medical escorts and designated care givers are permitted. If entry to ED/UC is approved, escort/designated care giver must be screened. Adherence to Medical Mask use is required.

**Change Log:**

- Sept. 29, 2022 – Removed travel-related questions.
- June 28, 2022 – Updated physical distancing from required to encouraged
- March 17 - Changes to align with latest changes to public health orders
- March 1, 2022
  1. Mar. 1, 2022 – removed vaccination requirements/questions
  2. Change in isolation time from 14 days to 10 days