UVM Medical Center COVID Inpatient PPE Guidelines

Guiding Principles
- Universal Masking Precautions: Surgical/Procedure mask, (ADD eye protection whenever patient or visitor cannot wear mask).
- Airborne & Contact Precautions: Fitted N95, mask, and face shield (or PAPR) with gown and gloves
- When using Airborne Precautions, staff must conserve their N95 for the entire day and recycle at end of day.
- Special Droplet Precautions: Universal PPE, procedure mask and face shield with gown and gloves

COVID PPE Guide

COVID Specimen Collection:
With COVID Symptoms: Special Droplet & Contact Precautions
Without COVID Symptoms: Universal Masking Precautions, face shield, gloves

Patient admitted from outside hospital, Emergency Department, or direct admit from outpatient clinic.

COVID order placed for Asymptomatic Non-PUI or Symptomatic PUI

COVID TEST Result

POSITIVE Result
Routine Care
Airborne & Contact Precautions for all care regardless of symptoms.

APG without airway instrumentation
Airborne & Contact Precautions for all care regardless of symptoms.

Airway Instrumentation
Airborne & Contact Precautions for all care regardless of symptoms.

NEGATIVE Result
Routine Care
Universal Masking Precautions (Add eye protection if patient cannot mask)

APG without airway instrumentation
Universal Masking Precautions (Add eye protection if patient cannot mask)

Airway Instrumentation
Universal Masking Precautions (Add eye protection if patient cannot mask)

UNKNOWN or PENDING Result
Routine Care
No COVID symptoms
Universal Masking Precautions (Add eye protection if patient cannot mask)

APG without airway instrumentation
No COVID symptoms
Universal Masking Precautions (Add eye protection if patient cannot mask)

Airway Instrumentation
Airborne & Contact Precautions for all care regardless of symptoms

If patient has high clinical suspicion for COVID or develops new COVID symptoms, consider sending repeat COVID test. Treat as a PUI and refer to “Unknown or Pending Result” column.