APPLICABLE TO: ☒ GSRMC ☒ SAGH ☒ SLCH ☒ SNLH ☒ SPCH ☐ CORP ☐ SHP ☒ SMG ☐ System-wide

APPLICATION
All Samaritan Health Services (SHS) clinicians.

DEFINITIONS
• NONE

INSTRUCTION STEPS

**PRIORITY FOR TESTING:**

Symptomatic Patients:

- All patients with clinical concern for COVID-19

Have a high index of suspicion for COVID-19 in symptomatic healthcare workers, first responders, patients in long-term care facilities or other congregate living facilities, patients over age 60, pregnant women, immunosuppressed patients and those at high risk of transmission to others.

Asymptomatic Patients:

- Scheduled for a surgical procedure
- Scheduled for an obstetric procedure or in active labor

*No other asymptomatic patients should be tested at this time

1. **SYMPTOMATIC INPATIENT TESTING GUIDANCE**
   A. BAL/sputum is the preferred specimen type for inpatients. Next best would be nasopharyngeal swab followed by oropharyngeal swab.
   B. Sputum and BAL samples will be sent to the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL) and requires additional online documentation (see instructions below)
   C. As of April 13, 2020, nasopharyngeal swabs will be sent to Legacy Laboratories
   D. If inpatient testing is pursued, please alert your local infection preventionist

2. **NASOPHARYNGEAL SWAB**
   A. Order SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) AND ISOLATION PANEL (aka COVID)
      1) This will default to Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 by PCR (Legacy) and Special Droplet and Contact Isolation Status.
      i. For BAL/Sputum samples, deselect the Legacy order and select the OPHL test and follow the instructions below:

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3. **BAL or SPUTUM**  
   A. Ordering clinician must first submit an electronic request at http://www.healthoregon.org/howtoreport  
      1) Click the button for “Online Morbidity Report.”  
      2) Select COVID-19.  
      3) Answer the clinical questions.  
      4) Complete all requested information.  
   B. Order SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) AND ISOLATION PANEL (aka Covid)  
      1) This will default to Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 by PCR (Legacy) and Special Droplet and Contact Isolation Status. You will deselect the Legacy order and select the OPHL test instead.

4. **SYMPTOMATIC OUTPATIENT or ED WITHOUT NEED FOR ADMISSION TESTING GUIDANCE**  
   Severely ill patients who will be transferred to a higher level of care should not be tested in an outpatient setting.
   A. **How to Send Testing in Outpatient Setting**  
      1) Enter Epic Order COVID 19 PATIENT ORDER & MONITORING (it orders a test and monitoring)  
      2) If patient is already being seen in the office:  
         a) Collect specimen using droplet precautions (face mask, eye protection), and contact precautions (gown and gloves)  
            i. Acceptable sources are nasopharyngeal swabs  
         b) Place swab in viral transport media, affix specimen label  
         c) Double bag specimen and place form in outer bag  
         d) Arrange delivery to nearest hospital laboratory  
      3) If patient is being seen in the office, but the clinic lacks appropriate PPE or specimen collection supplies, inform the patient that a member of the care team will be reaching out to schedule a time for the specimen to be collected at one of the SHS COVID-19 Testing Centers.  
      4) If patient is seeking care through a phone visit or E-visit:  
         a) After ordering, inform the patient that a member of the care team will be reaching out to schedule a time for the specimen to be collected at one of the SHS COVID-19 Testing Centers.

5. **ASYMPTOMATIC PATIENTS (PRE-PROCEDURE OR OB ONLY)**  
   A. Use Epic order: Asymptomatic – Coronavirus – SARS-CoV-2 by PCR (Legacy) (aka COVID)  
   B. Isolation precautions are not recommended for asymptomatic inpatients at this time  
   C. [Testing Protocol for Asymptomatic Surgical Patients](#)  
   D. [Universal Screening for Labor & Delivery due to COVID-19](#)

6. **CDC Specimen Collection Guidance**  

**ATTACHMENTS**  
- NONE
REFERENCES
- Testing Kit Information – SHS Insider > Emerging Pathogens

**REVIEW/REVISION HISTORY**

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