USA HEALTH

COVID-19 Workflow for Ambulatory Settings

SYMPTOM CHECK
Upon Entry: Does the patient have symptoms of acute illness? (such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, myalgias, vomiting, sore throat, diarrhea, congestion, headache, etc.)

No → Proceed as routine visit with patient and caregiver masked
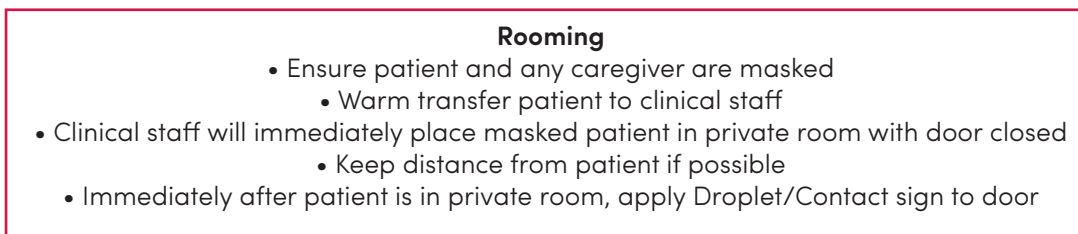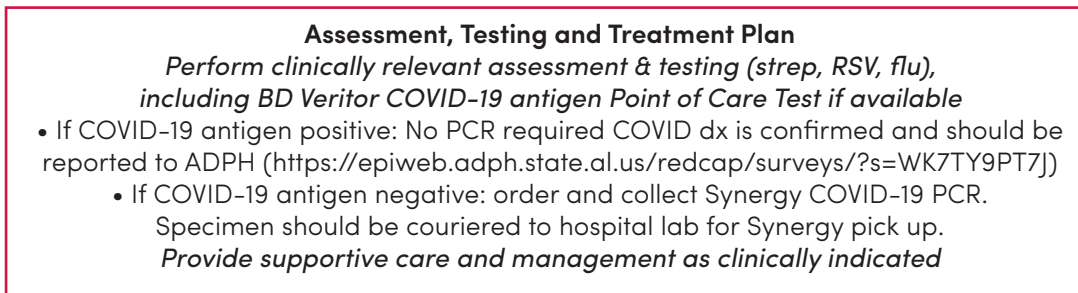
Yes

COVID 19 antigen swab collection:
midturbinate swab (approx 1 inch insertion and role 5 times against mucosa on each side)
COVID 19 Synergy PCR collection: midturbinate swab AND oropharynx swab

BD Veritor Instuctional Videos
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_65MZIt48cU

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fs4w1J7dslI

Rooming
- Ensure patient and any caregiver are masked
- Warm transfer patient to clinical staff
- Clinical staff will immediately place masked patient in private room with door closed
- Keep distance from patient if possible
- Immediately after patient is in private room, apply Droplet/Contact sign to door

*PPE REQUIRED
Contact/Droplet precautions including: gown, gloves, mask, and eye protection

Assessment, Testing and Treatment Plan
Perform clinically relevant assessment & testing (strep, RSV, flu), including BD Veritor COVID-19 antigen Point of Care Test if available
- If COVID-19 antigen positive: No PCR required COVID dx is confirmed and should be reported to ADPH (https://epiweb.adph.state.al.us/redcap/surveys/?s=WK7TY9PT7J)
- If COVID-19 antigen negative: order and collect Synergy COVID-19 PCR. Specimen should be couriered to hospital lab for Synergy pick up.
Provide supportive care and management as clinically indicated

**Please note: COVID-19 testing should be performed for all symptomatic patients, even in the presence of other confirmed illness (flu. RSV, etc.)

Patient Disposition
- Home: Provide discharge instructions, including isolation if COV2 antigen (+) or quarantine information if PCR pending. Provide other relevant discharge teaching
- Hospitalization: Follow normal direct admit protocol. If confirmed or suspected COVID –19 notify direct admit nurse or patient access

Post-discharge Cleaning
For suspected or confirmed COVID-19: Proceed with room decontamination after the patient is discharged