

COVID-19 testing process for patients at University Hospital

All patients who are being admitted to University Hospital will now be tested for COVID-19 at admission. This will include patient's being admitted through the ED, direct admits or transfers from outside hospitals.

• The nomenclature for the tests that are currently being used are:

Routine = Synergy Rapid = Biofire

- Patients who are seen in the ED and are **symptomatic** for COVID but **do not require admission** will have **routine (Synergy)** testing performed.
- Patients evaluated at UH ED who are asymptomatic for COVID and whose disposition is discharge home with outpatient follow-up do not need to be tested.

A COVID-19 Testing powerplan has been created to prompt the ordering provider to select the correct isolation status (if needed) and correct COVID-19 test. This powerplan will be embedded as a sub-plan into all current Admission order sets.

COVID-19 Power Plans have two Prompts: Prompt 1 (Asymptomatic / Not a PUI) and Prompt 2 (Symptomatic / PUI). Symptomatic / PUI patients that are admitted through the ED will likely already have testing ordered and this does not need to be repeated.

- 1. Prompt 1 (Asymptomatic / not a PUI)
 - No isolation needed
 - Lab default: Routine/Synergy
 - o If patient needs emergent aerosol-generating procedure then Rapid/Biofire should be selected and the default Routine/Synergy order should be unclicked. For all Rapid/Biofire orders, ID approval is required and the approval code should be put in comments section)
- 2. Prompt 2 (Symptomatic / PUI) if not ordered in the ED.
 - Isolation (choose), default is droplet precautions but can be changed to airborne
 - Lab default: Routine/Synergy
 - o If patient needs emergent aerosol-generating procedure then Rapid/Biofire should be selected and the default Routine/Synergy order should be unclicked. For all Rapid/Biofire orders, ID approval is required and the approval code should be put in comments section)
- 3. All COVID testing will 'expire' after 7 days, and therefore, patients who have been admitted for 7 days will need to be re-tested using the Routine/Synergy order. A Cerner prompt will remind the admitting team to order a new test if the patient's test is 7 days old.
- 4. The process for NH placement will remain the same-a Routine/Synergy test will need to be completed 48 hours prior to transfer.

There will be a reference text that the provider can open to review symptoms/signs/risk factors for COVID and aerosol-generating procedures. If reference text is clicked it will not take you out of the order set.