

Applies to patients < 18 years

Guidance on Evaluation for COVID-19



Children's Hospital
New Orleans
LCMC Health

IF Patient has ANY ONE of the following: (1) fever or h/o fever, (2) cough or (3) shortness of breath:

- Patient wears mask
- Place patient in a room as quickly as possible
- Ensure all visitors are screened
- HCW to wear appropriate PPE

The decision to admit is based upon the patient's clinical condition and not on the probability of COVID-19.

Evaluate and Treat
Is hospital admission indicated, based on clinical severity of illness?

PPE: personal protective equipment
HCW: healthcare worker
SNF: skilled nursing facility

Yes

No

- It is NOT required to test for any specific virus
- Maintain appropriate PPE for all HCWs

Call CHNOLA Transfer Center at (855) 246-6521 to arrange for transport

Does patient fall into ANY ONE of the following groups?

- Underlying medical condition associated with high risk for complications from viral respiratory illness, such as:
 - malignancy
 - chronic renal disease
 - diabetes
 - chronic pulmonary disease
 - heart disease
 - immune compromised
- History of frequent care at CHNOLA and anticipating multiple visits to healthcare providers in next 2 weeks
- Involved in an illness cluster in a care facility or institution, e.g. SNF

Yes

No

CHNOLA team will call COVID-On-Call to discuss test approval (7a-7p)

Call (504) 896-9519 to provide patient's information including contact number.

Has patient traveled internationally in the last 14 days?
or
Has patient had prolonged close contact (<6 feet for more than a few minutes) with a known COVID-19 positive case?

- Continue to treat as clinically indicated per standard of care
- Maintain PPE per matrix for HCWs
- Discharge when patient is stable for home care
- To be included in patient instructions:
 - IF COVID-19 test was sent:
 - Self-quarantine for 14 days from symptom onset, plus 72 hours after symptoms resolve
 - IF COVID-19 test was NOT sent:
 - Self-quarantine until 72 hours after symptoms resolved
- Return precautions

- Continue to treat as clinically indicated per standard of care
- Send home
- Patient instructions:
 - Self-quarantine
 - COVID-19 team will call patient within 24 hours to discuss duration of quarantine.
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