**Guidance on Evaluation for COVID-19**

**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

**Evaluate and Treat**

**Is hospital admission indicated, based on clinical severity of illness?**

- **Yes**
  - 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

- **No**
  - Continue to treat as clinically indicated per standard of care
  - Send home
  - Patient instructions:
    - COVID-19 team will call patient within 24 hours to discuss duration of quarantine.
    - Return precautions

**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
  - diabetes
  - heart disease
  - chronic renal disease
  - chronic pulmonary 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

**Has patient traveled internationally in the last 14 days?**

- **Yes**
  - Continue to treat as clinically indicated per standard of care
  - Send home
  - Patient instructions:
    - Self-quarantine until 72 hours after symptoms resolve
    - Return precautions

- **No**
  - Continue to treat as clinically indicated per standard of care
  - Send home
  - Patient instructions:
    - 1. Self-quarantine until 72 hours after symptoms resolve
    - 2. Return precautions

**Has patient had prolonged close contact (<6 feet for more than a few minutes) with a known COVID-19 positive case?**

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

- **No**
  - Continue to treat as clinically indicated per standard of care
  - Send home
  - Patient instructions:
    - 1. Self-quarantine until 72 hours after symptoms resolve
    - 2. Return precautions

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

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

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

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