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| 1. **In the past 90 days, has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days and has not yet been cleared by IPAC?**
 | **Yes** | **If tested positive within the past 20 days:** Isolate patient under a minimum of droplet/contact (green) precautions. Do not re-test.**If tested positive > 20 days ago:** Only isolate patient under a minimum of droplet/contact (green) precautions if the patient has had a high risk exposure or COVID-19 symptoms that are unrelated to the initial infection, or traveled outside of NWO. Do not re-test unless directed to by IPAC/Public Health. |
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| 1. **In the past 14 days has had a high risk exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case, was associated with a COVID-19 outbreak, or traveled outside of Canada?**
 | **Yes** | Isolate patient under a minimum of droplet/contact (green) precautions. Test only if being admitted or directed to by IPAC / Public Health. A negative test result will not rule out the need to use a minimum of droplet (green) precautions if collected within 14 days of their last exposure. |
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| 1. **In the past 14 days, has traveled outside of Northwestern Ontario but within Canada.**
 | **Yes** | Isolate patient under a minimum of droplet/contact (green) precautions. Test if being admitted or directed to by IPAC. A negative test result will not rule out the need to use a minimum of droplet (green) precautions if collected within 14 days of their last exposure. IPAC may consider discontinuing precautions prior to 14 days since last outside of NWO on a case by case basis.  |
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| 1. **Is currently symptomatic for COVID-19**
 | **Yes** | Isolate patient under a minimum of droplet/contact (green) precautions. Test under the direction of the MRP. If CIR is <20 per100,000: A negative test in a symptomatic individual without an exposure or travel history is enough to rule out COVID-19 and the MRP can discontinue droplet/contact (green) precautions unless required for another reason.If CIR is ≥20 per 100,000: A negative test in a symptomatic individual is not enough to rule out COVID-19. A minimum of droplet/contact (green) precautions are maintained until discontinued by IPAC. |
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| 1. **Is the patient being admitted from a \*congregate setting inside Northwestern Ontario?**

**\*Congregate settings include: hospital, long term care home, retirement home, homeless shelter, group home, supported living, disability specific community, short term rehab, hospices, other shelters, community hospital or regional tertiary/quaternary centre** | **Yes** | Test upon admission unless the patient has a negative result collected and resulted within 24 hours of admission. Monitor the patient for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days post admission. |
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| 1. **Has a cancer or paediatric cancer diagnosis and is being admitted to the 1A acute oncology wing or a 1B paediatrics or is starting immunosuppressive cancer treatment or haematopoietic cell therapy?**
 | **Yes** | Test upon admission under direction of MRP/IPAC (PCS-MD-271) unless the patient has a negative result collected and resulted within 24 hours of admission. Test must be negative prior to admission to acute oncology wing. |
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| 1. **Is being admitted to a unit that has been identified by IPAC as requiring COVID-19 testing prior to admission?**
 | **Yes** | Test upon admission under direction of MRP/IPAC (PCS-MD-272). Test does not need to be resulted prior to admission. |
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| 1. **Is a renal dialysis patient being admitted to any inpatient unit?**
 | **Yes** | Test upon admission (PCS-MD-271). |
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| 1. **Is a Labour and Delivery patient being admitted and the CIR is ≥20 per 100 000.**
 | **Yes** | Test (PCS-MD- 271) |
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| 1. **Will undergo a procedure which involves ECT, upper GI endoscopy, bronchoscopy, or any accepted Aerosol Generating Medical Procedure (AGMP) or a general or spinal anesthetic, or procedures completed using a local anesthetic where a patient is unable to wear a mask throughout the procedure?**
 | **Yes** | Test during the pre-admission clinic visit or prior to the procedure (PCS-MD-267 or 271). Regional patients may be tested 5-7 days preoperatively in their home community provided results are shared with the pre-admission clinic.  |
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| 1. **Will undergo a procedure and there is a real-time request/order by the anesthesiologist or surgeon for COVID-19 testing?**
 | **Yes** | Test (PCS-MD-267or 271) during the pre-admission clinic visit or as directed by the anesthesiologist or surgeon. |
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| 1. **Is a newborn born to a mother who is a confirmed COVID-19 case at the time of birth?**
 | **Yes** | Isolate under a minimum of droplet/contact (green) precautions. Test under MRP order within 24 hours of delivery. If in NICU, retest at 48 hours regardless of symptoms. |
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| 1. **Is a newborn born to a mother who is symptomatic with tests pending at the time of mother-baby discharge?**
 | **Yes** | Follow to ensure that if test is positive baby is tested in timely manner. If bringing baby back for testing is impractical, test under MRP order prior to discharge. |
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| 1. **Is an inpatient who has developed new or worsening symptoms consistent with COVID-19?**
 | **Yes** | Isolate under a minimum of droplet/contact (green) precautions. Test (PCS-MD-271). |
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| 1. **Had a high risk exposure to COVID-19 or is associated with a COVID-19 outbreak**
 | **Yes** | Isolate under a minimum of droplet/contact (green) precautions. In consultation with IPAC, test (PCS-MD-272) |
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| 1. **The patients requires testing for asymptomatic surveillance screening for either the Northwest Renal Program or the Regional Cancer Centre North West?**
 | **Yes** | Test (PCS-MD-267). |
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| 1. **Is being discharged to a hospital, long term care home, retirement home, homeless shelter, group home, supported living, disability specific community, short term rehab, hospices, other shelters, community hospital or regional tertiary/quaternary centre?**
 | **Yes** | In consultation with the receiving facility, test (PCS-MD-268) |
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| 1. **Is being discharged to a remote/isolated / rural indigenous community?**
 | **Yes** | In consultation with the relevant health unit, test (PCS-MD-268) |
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| 1. **Does not meet any of the above criteria and is an outpatient and is requesting to be tested for COVID-19 or is scheduled to undergo a procedure and the surgeon feels the patient should be tested?**
 | **Yes** | Do not test. Refer to COVID-19 Assessment Centre. Only outpatients are referred for testing at the Assessment Centre. |
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| **No** | Do not test |