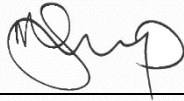


Guidance Document for COVID-19



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<i>This document is intended to provide guidance to staff/professional staff during COVID-19</i>	

1. PURPOSE

To clarify expectations during COVID-19, related to Emergency Department and Renal Guidance in Response Level Green and Yellow.

2. GUIDELINES (e.g. background, definitions, procedure, etc.)

Recommendations for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and physical distancing in the Renal and Emergency Department while in *Response Level Green and Yellow*:

All areas of the Renal and Emergency Department should be considered patient care areas except for administration office area, locker area, and break areas.

1. Masks and Goggles:

- Staff are required to wear a level 2 procedure mask and Goggles at all times while in Patient care areas. Staff can remove masks while eating in designated areas (please see Physical distancing Guidelines for level Green).
- If an Aerosol Generating Medical Procedure (AGMP) is to be performed, staff are required to conduct a Patient Care Risk Assessment (PCRA) to determine appropriate PPE including a N95 mask.
- Patients and Care Partners/Essential Care Partners will wear level 2 procedure masks as per policy.

2. Gowns:

- Staff are no longer required to wear gowns in Patient Care area unless caring for a patient under additional precautions and based on their PCRA.
- Staff will wear appropriate PPE as required by infection control Policy IPC-1-18.
- For confirmed or suspected COVID-19, staff are to wear level 2 disposable Gown, Gloves, Level 2 Procedure Mask, and Goggles (contact/droplet precautions).

3. Physical Distancing in waiting areas:

- Seating in waiting rooms and waiting areas should be occupied to enable people to sit 2 meters apart if possible. If not possible due to the volume of people in the area, this distance can be decreased as long as everyone is wearing a level 2 procedure mask (Waiting areas include the main waiting room, hallway waiting areas inside of the ED).
- All occupants of a waiting area must wear a level 2 procedure mask as per hospital policy.

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4. Screening:

- ED will continue to actively screen all Patients and Essential Care Partners. If a Patient fails screening, use appropriate precautions for treatment, or until Physician clears patient as no longer suspected of COVID-19 or COVID-19 testing is negative (must be cleared by Infection Control Practitioner (ICP) if admitted).

5. Hospital Provided Scrubs and Reusable Gowns:

- In level Yellow and Green hospital provided scrubs and the reusable gowns will be returned to the Pandemic Supply.

3. RELATED POLICIES, PRACTICES AND/OR LEGISLATIONS

N/A

4. REFERENCES

N/A