

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What type of isolation is required for Person of Interest (PUI)?
 - Standard/Contact/Airborne (this is changing and you will be updated when change is implemented)
2. What do I do if patient is being considered for testing?
 - Mask the patient and place in private room with the door closed.
3. Do we restrict number of people interacting with patient?
 - Yes, limit the number of staff and visitors if possible. In addition, maintain a confidential log of all staff and visitors having contact with the patient.
4. When do we use a Positive Air Pressure Respirator (PAPR)?
 - If staff cannot wear N95, staff participating with bronchoscopy or actively performing or assisting with intubation. Please contact the house supervisor @ 8063, if PAPR is needed.
5. What is needed for specimen collection?
 - Red top viral with viral transport medium. Place each specimen in small separate Biohazard Bag with patient's label, date and time of collection and collector's initials. The specimens are then placed in large Biohazard Bag and delivered to lab. The large bag should be labeled to reflect "Hold for Department of Public Health" for pick up by Riverside County.
6. What is the PPE requirement?
 - N95, protective eyewear (i.e., face shield or disposable goggles), gown, and gloves.
7. How long does it take to obtain results?
 - Approximately 24 to 72 hours.
8. May I discuss this patient with anyone other than my PCC, MD, Ann Brooks, IP, Heather Adams, CNO, Sandy Martin, DCQI, or House Supervisor?
 - Information should be limited to direct patient care providers. This would be: clinical staff that are caring directly for the patient, fellow staff members providing care for break coverage, or if assigned to assist with care of patient.
9. Who do I contact in the event of questions?

- Your PCC, Director, House Supervisor, Heather Adams, CNO, Sandy Martin, DCQI, or Ann Brooks, IP.
10. Do we wear masks in the hospital?
 - No, with the exception of those who have not a flu shot.
 11. Who is responsible for educating patient and family?
 - Staff/physicians participating in the care of the patient.
 12. What do we use for surface disinfection?
 - Purple top PDI Sani-cloths that have been approved by the CDC.
 13. What is the process for ordering COVID-19 specimens?
 - If the physician determines the patient meets criteria for testing, please notify house supervisor or IP and they will consult with Riverside County.
 14. Who do we call if we have a rule out person of interest (PUI)?
 - Contact your director, house supervisor or IP.
 15. If the patient is transported to another location, do we mask the patient?
 - Yes
 16. Is fit testing required for N95 masks?
 - Yes