

Managing children with respiratory symptoms in Periop Fall/Winter 2021

Recommendation

We are beginning to see routine respiratory viruses (e.g. rhinovirus, RSV) circulating in our local communities. We are also noting an increase in COVID-19 cases.

If patients < 18 years old have symptoms that could be consistent with acute COVID-19 (e.g. cough, fever >38.0C, shortness of breath) or a COVID-19 exposure reported prior to an operative procedure, **a rapid COVID-19 test** should be ordered as part of their perioperative evaluation.