

Universal Testing of ADULT Patients Requiring Inpatient Hospitalization Duke University Hospital

All adult patients who have not tested positive for COVID-19 within the preceding 3 months and who are admitted to Duke University Hospital should have COVID-19 testing performed within 72 hours prior to arrival to DUH for admission or at the time of admission. Various pathways exist to test patients depending on the origin of the admission.

- **Patients admitted from the Emergency Department**
 - Patients admitted from the Emergency Department who do not otherwise meet criteria for testing should undergo a POC Coronavirus (COVID-19) SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Test prior to admission to the inpatient unit
- **Patients admitted to Labor and Delivery**
 - Patients admitted to labor and delivery should undergo a POC Coronavirus (COVID-19) SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Test at the time of admission
- **Patients admitted from Outside Facilities through the Transfer Center**
 - Patients admitted from outside facilities through the transfer center will either have had testing within 72 hours prior to arrival to DUH or will have a POC Coronavirus (COVID-19) SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Test performed in the DUH ED prior to arrival to the inpatient unit
 - See the most recent [algorithm](#) for inclusion/exclusion criteria and workflow
- **Patients admitted for Scheduled Procedures**
 - Patients admitted for scheduled procedures should undergo testing within 72 hours prior to procedure per the current perioperative and pre-procedural testing workflow
 - See the [perioperative](#) testing algorithm for additional information
- **Patients directly admitted from Home or Clinic**
 - Patients admitted from home should undergo testing within 72 hours prior to a planned admission following this [process](#)
 - Patients with urgent admissions from clinic should undergo a POC Coronavirus (COVID-19) SARS-CoV-2 Rapid Test prior to admission to the inpatient following this [process](#).

Patients who arrive to an inpatient unit and have not been tested within the preceding 72 hours should be tested as follows:

- **Patients without symptoms of COVID and no known COVID exposure in preceding 14 days**
 - Patients should be tested using the Administrative test order (Coronavirus (COVID-19) SARS-CoV-2 ED & Inpatient Test Panel)
 - Providers should follow current policies for universal masking of patients and universal masking and eye protection of providers pending test result; special airborne contact isolation is not required
- **Patients with symptoms of COVID or known COVID exposure in preceding 14 days**
 - Patients should be tested using the Inpatient test order
 - Patients should be treated as Persons Under Investigation (PUI) and placed on Special Airborne Contact isolation until COVID-19 is ruled out

Notes:

- 1) Patients who refuse testing and are asymptomatic should be placed on Special Droplet/Contact isolation. Patients should be counseled that the decision to refuse testing may limit their care, as they may be unable to undergo necessary tests or procedures without testing.
- 2) Patients admitted to DRH and DRAH should also undergo testing at the time of admission. However, workflows differ by hospital so consult local procedures for the hospital-specific workflow.
- 3) Patients who previously tested negative for COVID but develop new symptoms concerning for potential COVID should be tested as indicated by their clinical presentation.
- 4) For patients who have tested positive for COVID within the last 20 days, please consult the Criteria for Discontinuing Special Airborne Contact [document](#) to determine if Special Airborne Isolation is still indicated.