Mount Sinai Health System Pre-Surgical COVID-19 Testing (3.25.20)

Background: The following provides pre-procedure SARS COVID 2 RNA testing (COVID-19 testing) strategies for the main OR and major procedural areas. Knowing the COVID-19 status of incoming patients for surgery will help medical teams have better informed conversations with their patients about the risks and benefits of proceeding with the procedure. It will also help staff better prepare for taking care of COVID-19 positive patients.

General Principles:

- Elective cases should not be scheduled or performed at this time.
- The Pre-Surgical Testing Unit at Mount Sinai Downtown Union Square has the ability to perform a medical evaluation and/or a COVID-19 testing. Send here if your patient needs one or both of these things (see details below). **Pt must be asymptomatic for COVID-19 in order to be sent to this location.**
- If your patient just needs a COVID-19 testing, you can also send to any of the below listed COVID-19 testing based on presenting symptoms.
- We recommend COVID-19 testing before all main OR and major procedures. If the patient does not have COVID-19 testing, the clinical team (surgeon, anesthesiologist) will need to work together to make a determination about whether or not to proceed. We strongly recommend COVID-19 testing for airway procedures (e.g. ENT, thoracic tracheal, bronchoscopy) as well as endoscopy and TEE.
- Symptomatic patients should be COVID-19 tested before arriving on the day of surgery. The clinical team (surgeon, anesthesiologist) will need to weigh the risks and benefits of proceeding with the patient.
- *When SARS COVID 2 tests are performed on asymptomatic pre-surgical patients, they will not be designated as PUI.*
- If the SARS COVID 2 test is positive, the surgeon’s office will notify the patient and weigh the risks and benefits of proceeding with the anesthesiology team and patient. If the decision is made to proceed, the team should follow the OR Management Guide for COVID positive patients.
- If the SARS COVID 2 test is negative, the team should proceed as per usual wearing standard OR PPE.
- MSSN is to use own Pre-Surgical Testing unit and carry out pre-operative COVID-19 testing.

1. To schedule a medical evaluation and/or COVID-19 testing at the Pre-Surgical Testing Unit of Mount Sinai Downtown Union Square:
   a. Surgeon’s office should contact Lucy Dimino (917-471-3972), PST Manager directly via email:
      i. 10 Union Square East Suite 4K New York, NY 10003 212-844-8250
      ii. Email Lucy Dimino @ Lucy.Dimino@mountsinai.org for an appointment with:
         1. Patient Name, Phone Number
         2. DOB and/or MRN
3. Date of Surgery
4. Universal Reservation Request (URR) form
   iii. If possible, schedule COVID-19 PST appointment 48 hours prior to OR (COVID-19 result will take approximately 15 hours to report).
      1. Note, if you anticipate the patient may need medical optimization, schedule the PAT appointment at least 1 week prior to procedure in order to have adequate time in addressing existing cardiac/pulmonary/other medical conditions. The patient may need to return for a COVID-19 test 48 hours before the day of surgery.
   iv. At this site, we will only be COVID-19 testing ASYMPTOMATIC pre-surgical patients.

2. If your patient needs COVID-19 testing only, you can also send to one of the following locations. Testing can be done by appointment only unless emergent. We will call the patients and verify appointments.
   a. **Mount Sinai Hospital Tent – SYMPTOMATIC/ASYMPTOMATIC patients**
      i. Mount Sinai Hospital Fifth Avenue between the Guggenheim Pavilion and Kravitz Children’s Hospital (Enter at North Gate on Fifth Avenue)
      1. Email Jorge.Rodriguez2@mountsinai.org for an appointment with:
         a. Patient Name, Phone Number
         b. DOB and/or MRN
         c. Date of Surgery
   b. **Mount Sinai Downtown Union Square Urgent Care Center - SYMPTOMATIC patients**
      i. 10 Union Square East Suite 2Q New York, NY 10003
      1. Email Lucy.Dimino@mountsinai.org for an appointment with:
         a. Patient Name, Phone Number
         b. DOB and/or MRN
         c. Date of Surgery
         d. Universal Reservation Request (URR) form
   c. **Mount Sinai Downtown Union Square Pre-Surgical Testing Unit – ASYMPTOMATIC patients**
      i. 10 Union Square East Suite 4K New York, NY 10003
      1. Email Lucy.Dimino@mountsinai.org for an appointment with:
         a. Patient Name, Phone Number
         b. DOB and/or MRN
         c. Date of Surgery
         d. Universal Reservation Request (URR) form

**PHASE 2 – In Process**
- Testing for inpatients having surgery
- Testing labor and delivery patients upon arrival
- Testing operating room and procedural patients who did not have a COVID test before arrival.