AMBULATORY CLINICS (MC, WC, WL, PFW) COVID-19 SCREENING & HANDLING PROCESS (PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT CONSERVATION)

Guidelines are intended to assist with clinical decision-making but cannot replace personalized evaluation and management decisions based on individual patient factors.

*Symptom Questions:
Do you or your child have any of the following:
1) fever?
2) new onset of any of the following: cough, shortness of breath?

**Script to Read to Family:
"We are asking anyone with respiratory symptoms to wear a mask (patient and/or family)."

***COVID-19 Exposure Questions:
A) Have you or your child had CLOSE CONTACT in the last 14 days with a person CONFIRMED to have COVID-19? OR
B) Have you or your child travelled internationally in the last 14 days?

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**Table 1:
Recommended PPE:
1. Isolation Gown
2. Gloves
3. Surgical/procedure mask*
4. Eye protection (face shield or goggles)

*USE N-95 respirator with eye protection (face shield or goggles) OR CAPR for either of the following:
1. Patient population:
   - ventilated, tracheostomy, BiPAP, CPAP, High-Flow Nasal Cannula
2. Airway Procedures:
   - intubation, CPR, deep suction, bronchoscopy, bag-mask ventilation, IPV

DO NOT REUSE N95 MASKS

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**Provider dons PPE per Table 1:
1. Performs history & physical exam
2. Collects nasopharyngeal specimens:
   - RSV & Influenza, if available
   - Consider SARS-COV-2 Test (Quest LAB39433Q)

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Upon discharge:
- Supportive care
- Instruct patient to stay home until asymptomatic
- Seek follow-up care if needed

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If positive COVID-19 test, report to local Health Department and notify TCH Infection Control via page operator @ 832-824-2099.

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<td>1. Ask the parent when scheduling an appointment the listed symptom* AND exposure*** questions. If yes, tell the parent that you will call them back. Notify physician, APP, or nurse for guidance.</td>
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<td>2. Consider telehealth appointment.</td>
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<td>3. Limit patient &amp; family to room until discharge.</td>
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<td>4. Maintain log of all staff entries into the room.</td>
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<td>5. Once patient discharge occurs, room should be closed off followed by routine environmental cleaning.</td>
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