Background Information

Kaiser Permanente National has adopted the aligned agreement from CDC, WHO, OSHA to adjust COVID-19 to droplet precautions for testing.

- **Going to Droplet Precautions (see exceptions below)** means you use a standard face mask, gown, face shield or eye protection, and gloves when testing a suspected COVID-19 patient.

Who and When Should I Test? Click [HERE](#) for more information.

- Hospitalized w/respiratory symptoms
- SNF Residents
- Health Care Workers
- Public Safety Workers
- High risk contact w/COVID positive cases
- Homeless patients
- Special Populations
  - Adults over the age of 60
  - Chronic lung diseases
  - Pregnancy
  - Hemodialysis
  - Immunocompromised such as:
    - Advanced HIV (CD4 <200)
    - Cancer therapy
    - Transplant
    - Immunosuppressant drugs

What Precautions Do I Use? Click [HERE](#) for more information.

- When you test a suspected COVID-19 patient;
  - Perform a Nasopharyngeal swab for COVID-19 – This does not need aerosol/airborne precautions.
  - Use “isolation clean” procedure by EVS or Clinical Staff after patient has left the room. Click [HERE](#) for more information
  - Use the normal waste disposal process for PPE; do not use the biohazard disposal process.
- Use Airborne Precautions for aerosolized procedures: intubation, bronchoscopy, induced sputum, and nebulizer treatment. Wear N95, gown, gloves, and eye protection. Perform in a negative pressure room, if available. Requires Isolation Cleaning by EVS.

Ongoing Management

All patients who had testing for COVID-19 are entered automatically (via a COVID-19 related diagnosis in their chart) to the Health Connect COVID-19 registry. ALL COVID-19 test results positive and negative are managed by the Care Management Team.

Click [HERE](#) for a detailed look at our Health Connect COVID-19 care management workflow.

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