COVID-19 Specimen Collection Process

**Collecting Provider, RN, MA**
- Document lab orders present: COVID-19: Code GHL222
  - Influenza A/B: GHL3868 and print label
- Don appropriate droplet precaution: Mask, face shield / goggles, gloves, and gown
- Confirm two patient identifiers AND if the patient is a Health Care Worker (HCW)
- Hand write initials, date, time, & source on label, then label flu tube
- If doing Flu & COVID-19 Do swab first
  - Perform nasal swab for flu
  - Hand write initials, date, time, & source on label, then label COVID-19 tube
- Have patient collect nasal swab for COVID-19
- Package for Transport
  - Place in biohazard bag single. The lab will be responsible for double bagging.
- Properly dispose of droplet protection gear
- Lab specimen handling process job aid, [Click Here]
- Leave room
- Nasal swab job aid, [Click Here]
- Properly dispose of droplet protection gear
- Wash hands and deliver specimen to lab quickly so that it can be stored at proper temperatures
- EVS or Clinic Staff perform an isolation clean Job Aid, [Click Here]
- If the patient is a HCW, include priority tag in bag

**LAB**
- Lab Receives Specimen
  - If Flu Specimen was collected, Test is Processed in KPWA Lab
  - COVID-19 Test is processed
  - Results reported to DOH.
  - Patient Receives Flu Result
  - COVID-19 results are input into KPWA COVID-19 Registry by Care Management
  - Care Management will reach out to PCP with Positive Results:
    - Negative Results are autoreleased to patient.
    - Positive Results are autoreleased to patient after 24 hours.
  - Care Management will inform patient of positive results within 24 hours and continue to monitor the patient until discharge.
  - Care Management Contacts Employee Health about potential Provider/Staff Exposure.
  - Questions? Email: KPWACOVID-19Communication@kp.org

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