Clinical Rotation Covid-19 Practice Update

What are the Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19

- Fever
- Dry Cough
- Productive Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Fatigue or Muscle aches
- Acute Diarrhea

Physical Distancing

- Please maintain appropriate physical distancing between yourself and others when not involved in patient care.

What is the Procedure for Screening and Personal Protective Equipment

- **Universal screening for all visitors and employees**
  - Screening will occur upon entrance to the hospital or any Loyola Medicine building.
    - Each individual will be asked about symptoms and non-touch infrared temperature will be taken.
    - Each individual will be handed a regular face mask after screening is complete to wear for the entire clinical day.
- **Universal masking for all visitors and employees**
  - All Loyola Medicine hospitals and clinics require that all patients, visitors, colleagues and physicians wear masks in all facilities.

- **Medical students should not enter a COVID-19 patient room, or any isolation room during clinical rotations without clearance from their medical team.**

GOWN + REGULAR FACE MASK + *EYE PROTECTION (WHEN AT RISK FOR CLOSE CONTACT)* + GLOVES

CLOSE CONTACT CAN OCCUR WHILE CARING FOR A PATIENT, INCLUDING:

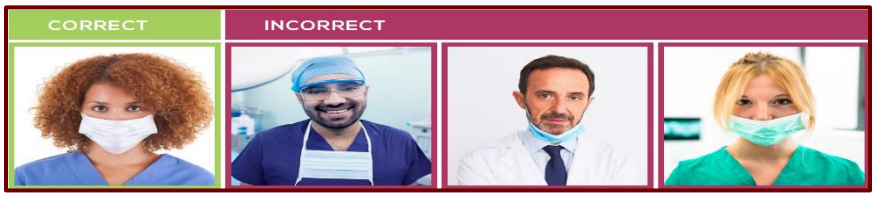
- Being within approximately 6 feet of a patient with COVID-19 for a prolonged period
- Having direct contact with sputum, serum, blood, and respiratory droplets

ELEVATED PRECAUTIONS FOR AEROSOL GENERATING PROCEDURES (per IDPH guidelines)

- **Wear N95 and Eye Protection or PAPR.**
- **Examples include**: bronchoscopy, BIPAP, CPAP, CPR, nebulizer treatments, noninvasive heated high flow nasal cannula devices, placing/exchanging tracheotomy, suctioning

Expectations to Maintain Personal Protective Equipment

- The regular face mask can remain on a caregiver **and** can be used for the entire day (often up to one week) *unless it becomes damp, damaged, visibly soiled, or hard to breathe through.*
- Continue to wear the same face mask throughout shift and patient care - remove other PPE after patient care, and perform hand hygiene between patients (and before or after removing gloves).



What is EVERYONE'S responsibility during the COVID-19 Situation

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer allowing to dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

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