COVID-19 Birthing Center Testing Algorithm - Asymptomatic Patients

Decision made to admit\(^1\) patient to L&D

Provider orders Asymptomatic COVID test

Swab obtained by RN\(^*\) (\(^*\)see collection instructions)

Lab prioritizes NP swab for Panther platform (3 hr TAT)\(^+\)

COVID Result

**POSITIVE** Result**

- Initiate Airborne & Contact precautions
- Move patient to Negative Pressure (if able)
- Notify OB and Anesthesia team of + result
- Infection Prevention updates EPIC flag

**NEGATIVE** Result

- Continue standard precautions; at this time standard precautions includes universal mask and universal face shield
- Partner/support person identified as needing a COVID test
- Call registration to set up patient for outpatient lab order
- L&D provider places order; RN obtains swab
- A COVID negative result allows the support person to be the healthy caregiver for the newborn

\(^1\)Triage patients excluded; testing occurs with decision to admit

**Care of moms with COVID+ status should follow Mother/Baby Admission rubric for postpartum care and newborn care.

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