### Guiding Principles
- COVID testing is required prior to any procedure involving instrumentation of the airway, and currently before all procedures in NY affiliates.
- Every attempt should be made to obtain a preprocedure test result, but this should not delay or postpone urgent or emergent care.
- Use Airborne + Contact precautions for aerosol-generating procedures (AGP) that involve instrumentation of the airway when test is positive or unknown.
- Standard OR precautions are recommended for all staff (without a wait time to enter) in patients with a negative COVID test and no COVID symptoms.
- For all AG procedures not involving instrumentation of the airway, Airborne Precautions are not needed in COVID negative or non-PUI with test pending.
- Change in community prevalence could lead to more rigid adherence to airborne precautions for AGPs in all patients regardless of test result.

### PPE Guide
- Standard O.R. Precautions: Surgical mask, gloves, gown, hat, shoe covers, eye protection (if applicable).
- Restricted O.R.: Standard Precautions, + closed toe, flat shoes, & if applicable shoe covers and eye protection.
- Airborne & Contact Precautions in O.R.: Fit tested N95 and face shield (or PAPR), gown, gloves, hat, shoe covers.
- When using Airborne Precautions, staff must conserve their N95 for the entire day and recycle at end of day.
- Patients should be screened for symptoms and fever upon entry to building. Procedure mask will be provided.

### Decision made to perform surgery or procedure.
Asymptomatic COVID test to be obtained within a time proximity to the procedure as defined by state regulations and directives
Preprocedure instructions to self-isolate between test and procedure. Order routed to Patient Access & Service Center (PASC)

### PASC contacts patient and schedules an appointment at a designated drive-by testing location closest to residence. Complete documentation in Epic.

### Elective Procedure
- **POSITIVE Result**
  - Recommend case be rescheduled after 14 days
  - Conversation with anesthesiologist and ordering provider to determine timeframe.
  - If case must proceed, see “Emergent Procedure”

- **NEGATIVE Result**
  - No COVID symptoms:
    - Airborne & Contact Precautions** with face shield for all personnel
  - +COVID Symptoms or unable to assess:
    - Airborne & Contact Precautions** with face shield for all personnel
  - If case must proceed, see “Urgent Procedure”

- **UNAVAILABLE Result**
  - Patient is COVID positive:
    - Patient is now a PUI
    - Insufficient time to await test results or to allow sufficient “wait time” for air exchange between intubation and remaining staff entering the room
    - Urgent Procedure: assumes time allowed for appropriate delay after intubation

### Urgent Procedure
- **POSITIVE Result**
  - If test results unavailable and new COVID symptoms or high clinical suspicion is present, then place on COVID PUI unit and await results.
  - If case must proceed, see “Emergent Procedure”

- **NEGATIVE Result**
  - Airborne & Contact Precautions** with face shield for all personnel
  - If case must proceed, see “Emergent Procedure”

- **UNAVAILABLE Result**
  - Patient is COVID positive:
    - Patient is now a PUI
    - Insufficient time to await test results or to allow sufficient “wait time” for air exchange between intubation and remaining staff entering the room
    - Urgent Procedure: assumes time allowed for appropriate delay after intubation

### Emergent Procedure
- **POSITIVE Result**
  - Airborne & Contact Precautions** with face shield for all personnel

- **NEGATIVE Result**
  - No COVID symptoms:
    - Standard O.R. Precautions including Anesthesia – no required “wait time”
  - +COVID Symptoms:
    - If new symptoms, patient is now a PUI
    - Recommend retest and delaying case
    - If case must proceed, see “Urgent Procedure”

- **UNAVAILABLE Result**
  - Patient is COVID positive:
    - Patient is now a PUI
    - Insufficient time to await test results or to allow sufficient “wait time” for air exchange between intubation and remaining staff entering the room
    - Urgent Procedure: assumes time allowed for appropriate delay after intubation

**Because all staff must be present for airway instrumentation**