Guidelines for Caring for a COVID-19 Patient – Faculty Practice Clinics
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In the event that a patient identified as COVID-19 positive needs to be seen in an ambulatory clinic the following standards for Transmission Based Precaution will apply.

**Note:** Now that all HCWs are masked for all patient encounters, precautions can be discontinued when the following criteria are met:

- At least 24 hours without fever (without use of fever reducing medication) **AND**
- Symptoms have improved or patient has returned to baseline status **AND**
- At least 10 days since symptom onset (or since positive test if patient was asymptomatic)

**Pre-visit Process:**
Each site supervisor will identify a specific room/s that will be used for any COVID-19 positive patients, ensuring the room meets the following criteria:

- Close to main entry to minimize the patient’s walk through the clinic
- Large enough to allow for maximum distancing of patient and provider.

**Main Campuses (ACC/MCHV, Fanny Allen, UHC)**
- The supervisor, or their designee, will notify Security of the patient visit. Security will communicate to the Screening team at the site of patient’s pending arrival.

**Satellite Campuses**
- The supervisor, or their designee will communicate to the Screening team at the site of patient’s pending arrival.

**Patient Instructions:**

- Patient will be instructed to wear a procedure mask at all times and perform hand hygiene on arrival in clinic.
- Patient will be instructed to identify themselves as having an appointment in the designated clinic, screeners will confirm and send patient to clinic.

**Patient Visit in Clinic:**

- Patient will be roomed immediately after arriving in clinic, in previously identified room.
- PPE Guidelines:
  - PUI without aerosol-generating procedures – Special Droplet & Contact Precautions – *Universal N95* or procedure mask, face shield, gown, gloves
  - PUI with aerosol-generating or COVID+ - Airborne & Contact – *Fit-tested n95*, face shield, gown, gloves
• Only staff necessary for the visit should enter the room.
• To minimize risk and conserve PPE, once staff has entered the room, they should stay in the room until completion of visit.
  o Consider having provider obtain vital signs, administer medications.
  o MA/CCA/LPN/RN should be utilized only if provider is unable to complete staff task.
• Post visit, patient will leave their mask on and proceed immediately out of the building.
• After patient has left the room, staff can doff PPE and discard in room trash. Trash is handled per standard process.

Cleaning Post Visit:

• COVID-19 Positive Patient:
  o Room is closed for 1 hour after the patient leaves. Place signage on the door.
  o After 1 hour, following standard cleaning process.
• Any equipment used in patient care will be cleaned e.g. stethoscopes, thermometer, and otoscopes.