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.

Pre-procedure instructions to self-isolate between test and procedure. Order routed to Patient Access & Service Center (PASC).

**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 delay or postpone urgent or emergent care.
- 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.
- 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.

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### Decision Flowchart

#### Positive Result (Patient/Parent Refusal or Delayed Result)

- No COVID symptoms:
  - Airborne + Contact Precautions with face shield for all personnel
  - Consider delaying the case
  - 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

#### Unavailable 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

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**Post-operative placement:** Guided by test result. If test results unavailable and new COVID symptoms or high clinical suspicion is present, then place on COVID PUI unit and await results.