

## Lifespan Outpatient Algorithm for COVID-19 Evaluation - 10/29/2020

Screen patient and essential caregiver for COVID -19 over the phone prior to appointments.

**Remind patients and essential caregiver to wear a mask to appointment.**

### Upon Arrival:

If patient or caregiver is wearing a cloth mask or valved mask, provide a non-rated surgical mask to either replace **or cover** their mask.

**Instruct patient and caregiver to wear their masks for the entire visit.**

### Check in Screening:

Do you have **fever** and/or symptoms of acute respiratory illness such as **cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing, muscle pain, reduced or loss of smell or taste, or GI Symptoms**?

**YES**

Place patient (parent/caregiver) in an exam room (negative-pressure if available), close door and notify provider

**NO**

Proceed with check-in as routine visit.

Provider assesses patient. Provider may contact patient via phone from outside of room, or if face-to-face evaluation is needed, single provider can enter room using **PPE (face mask with eye shield, gloves, gown [if available] and ensure patient is wearing a mask).**

If **mild – mod** symptoms and safe to go home, consider DOH testing at drive-through site.

If clinic/practice has the ability to test: obtain specimen and send to lab. Ensure specimen collection and Patient Identification followed, as per policy.

If patient is a **Lifespan HCW** who is safe to go home, have him/her notify his/her affiliate EOHS. Affiliate EOHS will determine plan for testing and return to work.

If patient is critically ill and requires hospital level of care, arrange transfer to the closest ED and **call to notify ED that patient is a r/o COVID-19 (PUI) and requires Modified Contact Droplet Isolation.**

Review CDC recommendations for “Caring for Yourself at Home” <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/caring-for-yourself-at-home.html>  
**Instruct patient: “If any difficulty breathing, increased fever, or any worsening of symptoms contact your provider and if you feel you need urgent or emergent care—call 911.”**

Disinfect room with an EPA-approved product (staff advised to wear PPE if done <60 minutes after patient leaves).