Algorithm for Screening/Testing Patients for Coronavirus

Patient exhibits signs and symptoms compatible with COVID-19
- Fever (subjective or confirmed) and/or
- Symptoms of acute respiratory illness (e.g., cough, difficulty breathing)

Does the patient have any of these symptoms?
Are they >18 years old? (see below)

If providers need additional support with clinical decision-making call ID/COVID line at UVMMC 802-847-2700

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**Schedule Testing**

Advertise patient that they qualify for testing. They will receive a call from the remote testing facility to schedule an appointment.

1. **Providers places orders in Epic (COVID-19) and sends in-basket message to Porter COVID-19 triage pool to notify Testing Facility to contact patient.** If patient is being triaged by COVID-19 central triage line, Provider will transfer patient directly to scheduler.

2. **Remote Testing Facility will contact patient** and give them their appointment time and instructions. Orders will be confirmed and necessary lab paperwork will be completed at the testing facility.

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**Patient requires Emergency Care**

1. Instruct patient to **proceed to the ER** for further evaluation.
2. Call the Emergency Department **388-4736** with patient information and concern for COVID.
3. If patient is taking a private vehicle to the ER, ask the patient to please call **388-4736** when they arrive at the hospital.
4. If patient requires an ambulance, advise patient to call 911 and **remind the patient to alert 911 staff of possible COVID status**.

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***For patients <18 years old we recommend testing in:***
- those with severe symptoms, pending hospitalization
- situations in which the child’s test results may affect family members who are healthcare providers, etc.
- children with significant underlying comorbidities: CF, chronic lung disease on O2, others per provider discretion. Of note, UVMMC Pediatric ID and pulmonary stated that they are **not** considering mild or moderate asthma to be a significant risk factor for severe COVID19 disease.