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?**

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

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**Schedule Testing**

Advise 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.

**Schedule visit.**

Please make all staff aware that patient is potential COVID+ for appropriate type and location of visit.

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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.**