

Dialysis COVID-19 Screening and Treatment Plan

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Screening

1. Patients and visitors will be pre-screened before entering the treatment area using the Patient/Visitor Screening Questionnaire
 - a. Unit clerk or designee will wear a mask/gloves/eye protection when screening. (For distance within 6ft)
 - b. Patients
 - i. If patient has symptoms, have them mask and segregate if needed to wait for a driver, or ask them to leave and work with unit to re-schedule treatment
 - a) Patient to call the COVID call center number on the intranet to schedule a test.
 - b) Have the patient go home and call the Call Center during open hours. Patient should tell the Call Center they are a **dialysis patient**.
 - c. If patient needs dialysis treatment, notify the provider and follow steps below.
 - d. Visitors - displaying symptoms – instruct them to leave the unit and call the COVID call center (Refer to Aspirus Visitors Restrictions guidance)

Care of Non-Symptomatic Clinic patients

1. **ALL** staff on the treatment floor must wear a mask if within 6 feet of patients
2. Disinfecting hard surfaces and high touch area. (Refer to disinfecting checklist for specifics)
3. Curtains to be pulled in between each patient station. Use hydrogen peroxide spray on curtains daily at end of day.

Care of suspected/confirmed patients at AWH:

1. Notify the Provider and Infection Prevention
2. COVID units - CDU and the 0200 hallway, and soon the 0500 hallway.
 - a. Attempt to have the same staff at the hospital take care of the COVID patients as much as possible.
 - b. Clock your time as department 7407
 - c. Follow PPE guidelines posted outside COVID units.
 - d. Work with other dialysis nurses to relieve you, so you can take a break without the mask on.
3. Clinic patients done at hospital
 - a. Manager or designee will work with the hospital supervisor to set up the patient with a time/room
 - b. Clock your time as department 7407
 - c. Dialysis nurse meets patient at entrance A at their scheduled time

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- i. Patient will wear a mask
 - ii. Take them to patient registration to get checked in/get an armband.
 - iii. Continue to run these patients at the hospital until test is confirmed negative
4. If hospital resources exhausted, then cohort suspected/confirmed patients on 3rd shift TTS
 - a. Follow enhanced droplet precautions.
 - b. Patient will wear a mask at all times.
 - c. Attempt to dedicate staff members

Care of suspected/confirmed patients at AMH:

1. Notify the Provider and Infection Prevention
2. While resources allow: If cleared to dialyze in the outpatient clinic
 - a. One patient per shift can be dialyzed in the isolation room with door closed at all times using enhanced droplet precautions.
 - b. Patient will wear a mask at all times.
 - c. A staff member will be dedicated to work with the suspected/positive COVID patient.
 - d. May also cohort all suspected/positive COVID patients on last shift of the day on M/W/F or if needed to move all patients to T/TH/S due to staffing, then cohort patients at the end of that day.

Care of suspected/confirmed patients at ALH:

3. Notify the Provider and Infection Prevention
4. If cleared to dialyze in the clinic
 - a. One patient per shift can be dialyzed in the isolation room with door closed at all times using enhanced droplet precautions.
 - b. Patient will wear a mask at all times.
 - c. A staff member will be dedicated to work with the suspected/positive COVID patient.
5. May cohort confirmed Covid 19 patients in same shift, last shift of the day
6. Refer to room disinfection guidance post treatment

Care of suspected/confirmed patients at ADSH:

1. Notify the Provider and Infection Prevention
 - a. Attempt to have the same staff at the Dialysis Unit take care of the COVID patients as much as possible.

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- b. Follow PPE guidelines per ADSH policy
 - c. Work with other dialysis nurses to relieve you, so you can take a break without the mask on.
 - d. Patient will wear a mask at all times.
 - e. A staff member will be dedicated to work with the suspected/positive COVID patient.
 - f. May also cohort all suspected/positive COVID patients on last shift of the day on T/TH/S.
2. Refer to room disinfection guidance post treatment