

Aspirus Emergency System wide Policy COVID-19

Laboratory Testing Suspect COVID Patients

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Purpose: To provide guidance on laboratory testing for suspected COVID-19 patients. Additionally, this document acts as a standing order for non-Licensed Independent Practitioners to order lab testing at COVID-19 alternative screening locations.

Definitions:

Standing Order:

- Initiated by non-Licensed Independent Practitioner (i.e. RN, RT, etc) based on inclusion/exclusion criteria
- All decisions delineated and within scope of practice
- Co-signed by appropriate Licensed Independent Practitioner (not required prior to initiation)
- May not include admission/patient placement orders
- May include medications, diagnostic imaging, labs

Procedure:

- Patients will be screened to determine if they meet criteria for COVID-19 testing.
- The ordering Licensed Independent Practitioner for this testing may be a physician, advanced practice clinician, or other provider approved to order lab testing.
- This document acts as a Standing Order allowing non-Licensed Independent Practitioner at COVID-19 Alternative Screening to initiate the laboratory tests referenced.
- Labs are ordered under the designated Licensed Independent Practitioner of the Alternative Screening location. The orders are co-signed by the Licensed Independent Practitioner (not required prior to initiation).

References:

- Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Updates to COVID-19 Testing Procedures memo dated March 9, 2020.
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2020, March 9). Interim Guidance: Healthcare Professionals 2019-nCoV. Retrieved from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019->

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