

Guidelines for Imaging for Patient on Enhanced Isolation Precautions and Quarantine Precaution

Patients on Enhanced Isolation Precautions and Quarantine isolation should remain in their isolation room except for medically necessary procedures. Patients should have imaging performed in their isolation room whenever possible. These guidelines are to be followed when patient must be transported to Imaging for medically-indicated test or procedure.

I. High suspicion or confirmed case of COVID (travel to an area with COVID-19 transmission or contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19)

ACTIONS:

- **Isolation:** Adhere to Enhanced Isolation Precautions/ Quarantine precautions. Preference for patient to remain masked during procedure, if they can tolerate.
- **Timing:** Schedule as last case of day, if non-urgent.
- **Transport:** Patient wears a mask during transport. Use of a facemask by the transporter is recommended for anything more than brief encounters (>1-2 minutes) with patients. The transporter should wear the appropriate facemask during transport. For convenience, if the transporter was involved in transferring the patient to the wheelchair or gurney as described above, the transporter could continue to wear their respirator (after removing all other PPE). Additional PPE should not be required unless there is an anticipated need to provide medical assistance during transport (e.g., helping the patient replace a dislodged facemask).
- **Other considerations:** Utilize portable X-Ray to complete imaging in patient room, if possible.
- **Room aeration:** Follow Airborne Isolation Practices; once the patient leaves the room, the room should remain vacant based on facility air exchanges, to allow for a full exchange of air. Refer to the [Tuberculosis Control Plan](#) (policy IP16 Attachment 1) for additional information.
- **Room cleaning:** Follow routine cleaning process

II. Lower suspicion for COVID-19: Patient has respiratory illness and respiratory pathogen testing is being conducted, prior to considering COVID-19 testing, and patient did not travel or have contact with a COVID-19 case.

ACTIONS:

- **Isolation:** Adhere to droplet precautions with eye protection. Preference for patient to remain masked during procedure, if they can tolerate.
- **Timing:** If non-urgent, wait until respiratory virus pathogen testing is completed, to possibly determine alternative cause of illness, and schedule last case of day.
- **Transport:** Patient wears a mask during transport.
- **Other considerations:** Utilize portable X-Ray to complete imaging in patient room, if possible.
- **Room aeration:** No special aeration needed.
- **Room cleaning:** Follow routine cleaning process.