

McGuire Memorial

Policy and Procedure

DEPARTMENT: All Departments

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Testing Protocol

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2010

APPROVAL:

Name:



Title: President/CEO

PURPOSE: To identify and outline a procedure for testing clients and staff who are symptomatic and/or who may have been exposed to COVID-19 at McGuire Memorial.

POLICY: Any client(s) registering a temperature of 100.0 or higher and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 must be isolated and tested within the first 24 hours of becoming symptomatic. Positive COVID-19 test results will automatically require contact mapping & source tracing of staff 48 hours prior to the swab (test) itself.

PROCEDURE:

1. Client's temperatures will be taken once daily in order to establish baseline.
2. Any client spiking a temperature of 100.0 or greater shall be considered at risk and will need to be isolated. Staff will isolate clients with a temp of 100.0 or greater in their private rooms & monitor. The on-call professional and/or administrator should be notified immediately.
3. During the isolation period and until the COVID-19 test results are confirmed, nursing/staff will monitor for symptoms characteristic of COVID-19 such as coughing, shortness of breath, or a complaint of a sore throat. Temperature will be taken every 4 hours and recorded.
4. All staff MUST utilize Universal Precautions and wear the recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for isolation during the initial isolation period, and as necessary thereafter until the client is cleared.
5. Clients who have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting the results of their respective test shall remain isolated in their bedrooms until the pending results confirm a negative or positive diagnosis.
6. Clients will be permitted to go back to their daily activities after a NEGATIVE COVID-19 test result is obtained, and there are no additional identified exposure risks, which would require any additional quarantine time.

7. McGuire Memorial Nursing Personnel is the ONLY authorized “in house” personnel permitted to conduct COVID-19 testing at this time, utilizing the testing kits obtained through MHS Laboratories.
8. If test results indicate a positive COVID-19 diagnosis then the infected client will be placed in the dedicated on site isolation unit or isolated within their respective community home (bedroom) immediately, and remain there for a minimum of 14 days in accordance with CDC guidelines before release.
9. If isolating the client in their respective bedroom is an issue due to behaviors and the inability to restrict ambulation throughout the respective home is not applicable, then reverse isolation of roommates/housemates should be considered to limit exposure and risk to others.
10. Through contact tracing & mapping, any staff that provided direct care to an infected client within the previous 48 hours will also be tested for COVID- 19, and this will be arranged by McGuire Memorial’s Human Resources Department.
11. McGuire Memorial will organize on-site COVID-19 testing for identified staff & ALL identified staff is expected to be available on the dates/times scheduled in order to have their respective COVID-19 test completed.
12. All staff who are waiting on COVID-19 testing and/or test results are NOT permitted to work at multiple McGuire Memorial locations and should maintain assignments within a yellow and/or red zone environment in accordance to McGuire Memorial’s COVID-19 Transmission-Based Precaution and Cohorting Policy until results are obtained and a negative/positive diagnosis is determined.
13. Employees may also be asked and/or directed to consult their primary care physician for testing should McGuire Memorial experience a shortage of test kits, which would impact McGuire’s ability to test.
14. If staff decline testing and/or if testing for the employees is not available through McGuire Memorial due to our inability to provide the COVID-19 testing, then the *“Employee Screening / Return to Work Policy & Procedures”*; *The COVID-19 Transmission-Based Precautions & Cohorting Policies*; along with the specified guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control, the Office of Developmental Programs, & the PA Department of Health will apply in order to determine appropriate work eligibility.

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