

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE

Bulletin #46 – COVID-19 – ID-IPC – OR Pretesting Asymptomatic Patients – May 20 2020

COVID-19 Patient Care and Infection Prevention & Control (IPC) Measures

Isolation Requirements - Asymptomatic Inpatient Pre-op Testing

Asymptomatic inpatients, with no exposure risk or travel history, who are screened for COVID-19 pre-operatively do not require isolation precautions.

This population was chosen for the following reasons:

- Pre-operative testing will increase the number of swabs being collected from asymptomatic patients as identified by the OCMOH
- It supports risk mitigation in the ORs which reduces the need for Full isolation precautions

IMPORTANT

It is important to continue to isolate all asymptomatic roommates when a symptomatic inpatient is tested for COVID-19. In this context, the index case is symptomatic and represents potential exposure to the other roommates.

The above clinical recommendation has been made by the ID/IPC COVID-19 Committee and approved by the Regional Emergency Operations Committee (REOC).