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## Munson Healthcare Ambulatory Services COVID-19 Preparedness (3/18/20 10:30 am)

The [Ambulatory Workflow](#) for the triage and testing of suspected COVID-19 patients has been updated and is posted to the [web](#) along with pertinent forms and resources.

This update includes the current [Munson Healthcare Mobile Collection Sites](#) information as well as the [updated testing guidelines/criteria](#) from the MDHHS Bureau of Laboratories.

Please note:

### Chest X-ray Orders

- Patients sent for testing at the [Mobile Collection Sites](#) should NOT require chest x-ray. We are noticing patients being sent with CXR orders and we are unable to accommodate these orders at the Mobile Collection Sites. If you feel your patient is ill enough to require a chest x-ray and/or additional medical support, please send them to the nearest Emergency Department for evaluation.

### Influenza A and B

- Influenza A and B can be ordered and will be completed with specimen collection. If the Influenza test is positive, the COVID-19 test will automatically be canceled and the ordering provider will be notified.

We want to be clear that we are trying to standardize the way we approach symptomatic patients. If a patient meets the updated criteria for testing, the provider determines next steps:

- A. If patient requires higher level of care (respiratory support, suspected sepsis, etc.), the patient should be transported to the Emergency Department
- B. If your clinic is equipped with testing supplies/protocols, collect specimen per standard collection guidelines and follow treatment care algorithm
- C. If your clinic is not equipped to test, send to your area's mobile collection site with the appropriate forms and lab order
- D. Use clinical judgement. If patient has mild symptoms, is not high-risk and will recover well, instruct patient to go home, rest, stay hydrated, and self-quarantine for at least two weeks

