

## CLARIFICATION: COVID-19 Testing Process Change

Munson Healthcare is **very close to running out of supplies for in-house COVID-19 testing** and is implementing changes to our testing criteria and processes to avoid running out.

**In-house** testing will be available for the below encounter types and patients:

1. Suspected or symptomatic Inpatient (I/P) and Observation (OBV) patients
2. Suspected or symptomatic ED patients who are being admitted
3. Asymptomatic Inpatient (I/P) and Observation (OBV) patients in need of a
  1. Procedure that requires general anesthesia
  2. Procedure that is considered an aerosol-generating procedure
    1. Ear, Nose, and Throat procedures
    2. Laryngoscopy
    3. EGD
    4. ERCP
    5. TEE
    6. Bronchoscopy
4. OB patients that are admitted for active labor
5. Patients being admitted to inpatient Behavioral Health units
6. Patients that will be discharged to a Skilled Nursing Facility
7. Patients arriving through the ED, who will have a qualifying procedure

**Mayo or Spectrum** laboratory testing will be utilized for all other approved testing:

1. All scheduled pre-procedural patients
2. Suspected or symptomatic ED patients who are being discharged
3. Suspected or symptomatic individuals who are not Inpatients (I/P) or Observation (OBV) patients

A reminder that **all planned pre-procedural patients** that meet the criteria for COVID-19 testing must be tested 4 days prior to their scheduled procedure and self-quarantine until their procedure. If a scheduled procedural patient is unable to obtain a pre-procedural COVID-19 test for any reason, our policy and process is to mitigate risk by implementing appropriate PPE during the procedure.

**If a procedural patient tests positive for COVID-19 and is asymptomatic, their procedure can be rescheduled 10 days after the positive test if they don't develop symptoms.** If the patient develops symptoms prior to the procedure, the procedure can be scheduled 3 days after symptoms resolve and at least 10 days from positive COVID-19 test. These patients will not be re-tested prior to their rescheduled procedure.

If you have an extraordinary case that you think requires in-house testing for a patient who is neither an inpatient or in observation status, you can contact your CMO to discuss. Please know that the CMOs are able to approve exceptions in only very limited situations.

By applying these rules we hope to conserve enough reagent for testing that we will be able to continue in-house testing for suspected symptomatic Inpatients and Observation patients through July. We will continue our efforts to obtain more reagent, look at other testing platforms, and evaluate other testing

sites moving forward. We will continue to evaluate these criteria for in-house testing and will loosen these criteria when supplies allow.