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## MMC Surgical Services: Perioperative Management of Patients with COVID-19 in OR 4

Please review the procedure below for Covid-19 patients having surgery in OR 4:

- Before boarding a case with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, you must directly contact the Anesthesiologist in charge/on-call.
- Cases will be performed in a “clean” environment, not sterile, in OR 4, which has been converted into a NEGATIVE pressure room.
- Patients will go directly from the sending unit (ED, A2, etc.) to OR 4 (bypassing both the preoperative and post-operative units).
- Bring the N95 mask you were fit-tested with.
- PPE will be put on right **outside of OR 4**, this includes N95 mask or CAPR, eye protection/face shield, gown (non-sterile for procedures & sterile for surgery), and gloves.
- A PPE observer will be present to assist with donning PPE.
- A bin will be available outside of OR 4 to leave badges, phones, pagers, and other non-essential personal items outside of the room.
- Surgeons and Staff will only enter or exit OR 4 upon direction from Anesthesia.
- During aerosol-generating procedures (intubating, extubating, suctioning, etc.) everyone who is able to, should step out of the room. Surgeons/Staff donning “sterile OR attire” can exit the room without touching anything and re-enter room when directed wearing the same attire.
- Everyone will stay in OR 4 until the case is completed and directed to exit the room by Anesthesia.
- When directed, leave OR 4, and doff PPE right outside of the room.
- Doff PPE using extreme caution to minimize self-contamination.
- A designated PPE observer will assist with doffing, wiping down of CAPR/PAPR, and what to do with the N95 mask.
- Immediately after doffing PPE, change scrubs. If surgeons/staff were in the room during any aerosol-generating procedures, showering and changing scrubs is recommended.

If you have any questions, please call Max Hunter (231-392-2832) or Dr. Walt Noble (231-631-9335).

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