



Admission Process for Patients Designated as Either COVID/PUI or COVID TESTING LAB SCREEN

1. ED Provider assesses patient and determines COVID status

➤ COVID/PUI - Admit to COVID floor

- Patient to be admitted with potential symptoms of COVID-19 infection, including: fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea, and /or sore throat and a clinical assessment supporting a presumptive diagnosis of COVID/PUI
- Patient without symptoms coming from congregate living settings (LTC, shelter, prison) with a known high incidence of COVID positive testing based on surveillance monitoring

➤ COVID TESTING LAB SCREEN - Admit to Non-COVID floor

- Patient to be COVID tested for surgery or procedure, does not have any symptoms of COVID (not a PUI)
- Patient assessed as not being a PUI from congregate living settings (LTC, shelter, prison) that have no identified significant COVID positive incidence
- Subacute rehabilitation patients
- Hemodialysis patient

2. ED provider enters bed request

- All COVID/PUI patients will be admitted to the 9th floor on the Infinity Hospital service at BGMC and 3W or 2N for telemetry at MFSH
- All COVID/PUI patients are admitted as inpatient and not in OBS status
- COVID Testing Lab Screen patients can be inpatient or OBS status

3. Admitting provider completes History & Physical

➤ Assessment of COVID status is different than ED provider assessment

- ED Attending to Hospitalist Attending discussion must occur to determine proper bed placement of patient
- If Hospitalist Attending is unavailable, ED Attending assessment and bed placement stands

4. If a patient has a resulting negative COVID test while on the Infinity Hospital service they will continue to care for the patient
5. If a patient becomes COVID positive on a non-COVID floor, the patient will be moved to a COVID floor and the admitting medicine service will continue to care for the patient on the COVID floor