

## COVID-19 OUTPATIENT TESTING (March 12, 2020)

As the pandemic has progressed, the ability to test patients for COVID-19 is being expanded from state only labs to ***state and private labs beginning Monday***. Depending on the lab, results may take between 20 hours and up to four days to be resultated. As part of our response, we have developed a testing plan that includes a drive through “swab clinic” and a “swab SWAT team” that will facilitate testing of patients who screen positive on COVID questioning.

- These services will initially be available 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The nurse triage line, swab clinic and swab SWAT teams are in evolution, so please watch for updates to these services.
- For March 12 and March 13 the “swab clinic” and “swab SWAT team” tests will go through the state KDHE lab. Starting Monday, March 16, swab tests may go to KDHE, Viracorp or other labs based on availability and turnaround times.

### Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

For ***patients calling*** into our system or for ***patients arriving to clinics outside of our main campus*** the work flow currently is:

1. **Calls from established The University of Kansas Health System patients seen in one of our Kansas City clinics within the last three years with FEVER AND COUGH or SHORTNESS of BREATH** will be connected with our COVID-19 nurse triage team for COVID-19 symptom and travel screening.
2. **Calls from NEW patients** (not seen within the past three years) with **FEVER AND COUGH or SHORTNESS of BREATH** will be directed to their primary care physician or their state health department clinic for further COVID-19 screening.
3. **Patients arriving to clinics outside of our main campus** who have a positive initial travel screen should go through the **Identify, Isolate, and Inform** protocol
  - a. Once isolated these patients should be connected with our **COVID nurse triage team** for further COVID-19 symptom and travel screening: **913-588-1600**
4. Patients who screen positive on questions will be given directions for and scheduled in our swab clinic for testing.
5. If the patient still has medical needs specific to the clinic at which they presented, routine droplet precautions can be used to complete the patient’s scheduled appointment as noted in today’s version of the CDC guidelines:
  - a. [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Finfection-control.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Finfection-control.html)

6. Results from the swab clinic testing will be available in Epic and will be managed by the COVID-19 nurse team

For ***patients arriving to our clinics on the main campus*** the current workflow is:

1. If positive after initial travel screening, clinics should follow the **Identify, Isolate, and Inform** protocol already in place and notify **IPAC : 913-917-1909**
2. Once informed, a nurse **swab SWAT team** member will come to the patient being isolated and verify COVID-19 screening questions.
3. A swab will be obtained in the clinic by the swab team nurse (using an ORDERS ONLY ENCOUNTER and standing orders from our infectious disease team).
4. Results from this testing will be available in Epic and will be managed by the COVID-19 nurse team.
5. If the patient still has medical needs specific to the clinic at which they presented, routine droplet precautions can be used to complete the patient's scheduled appointment as noted in today's version of the CDC guidelines:
  - a. [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Finfection-control.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/control-recommendations.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Finfection-control.html)

## After hours and weekends

1. **Patients calling** into our system who screen positive on initial travel screening should be directed to self-isolate and then to contact their primary care physician or the state health department on the next business day to determine the best place for further COVID-19 screening.
2. **Patients seen in any outpatient clinic** setting after hours or over the weekend who screen positive on initial travel screening should follow the **Identify, Isolate and Inform** protocol and **notify IPAC: 913-917-1909**.