COVID-19
On-Site Screening Protocol

For all staff who are initial contact for patients coming into their healthcare facility.

	CATEGORY	TASKS	REASON (for task)
1	International Travel History	• Ask participant if they have traveled internationally or to an area in the US at elevated risk for exposure over the past 30 days. • Collect travel history.	Travel history related to communicable diseases is inclusive of several international countries. To reduce any possibility for inaccurate information we want participants to report any international travel in the past 30 days. Capturing travel history helps to provide appropriate isolation.
2	Respiratory Symptoms	• Ask participant if they are experiencing any signs and symptoms of a respiratory infection (fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing). • If the answer is yes, have the patient put on a surgical facemask immediately. • Also ask if they have been in contact with a person known to have COVID-19 (Coronavirus).	We are in flu season with the addition of potential respiratory communicable diseases, so it is important to practice good respiratory hygiene (covering coughs, sneezes, wearing a facemask, and good hand hygiene).

3	Inform	• If you suspect exposure to the novel coronavirus or symptoms are present:
		  1. Isolate the participant by placing them in a private room, give them a facemask to place over nose and mouth, and close the door.
		  2. Page or call your Infection Prevention and Control person to be triaged and they will walk you through the steps.
		• Do not send the participant to the Emergency Department unless they are having a medical emergency.
			To provide safety for the participant and others.

4	Workflow	• Keep up to date on this workflow to know how to manage when possible COVID-19 patients arrive to our clinic. • For now, all testing still needs state approval. Therefore, the lab is our resource to gain approval for testing and they will guide us on how and what to do with our specific patient.	

| | | • Have lab come to the facility as opposed to moving the patient through our halls and multiple rooms.
• For patients arriving to our clinics or facilities, 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 ICP and Lab.
  2. Once informed, a Lab 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 Lab swab team nurse using standing orders from our medical team
  4. Results from this testing will be available in 1-3 days depending on the time and day of the week it was collected. Some commercial testing may become available and turnaround could be quicker than utilizing the state lab and will also not require prior KDHE approval to obtain.
  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/controlrecommendations.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcorona virus%2F2019-ncov%2Fhcp%2Finfection-control.html | |