

PRIOR TO VISIT COVID 19 QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Prior to every visit call your patient/primary care giver and ask the following questions;

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Have you or anyone in your household been in contact		
with any person who has tested positive for COVID 19 in		
the past 14 days?		
Do you or anyone in your household experience any of		
the following symptoms		
Fever or chills		
Cough		
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing		
Fatigue		
Muscle or body aches		
Headache		
New loss of taste or smell		
Sore throat		
Congestion or runny nose		
Nausea or vomiting		
Diarrhea		

- 2. If the answer is yes to any of the questions above, please call the Agency immediately for collaboration of care and coordination with primary MD.
- 3. Plan of care shall be individualized recognizing that many of the symptoms are also present in common illnesses such as strep throat, common cold, flu, asthma and seasonal allergies.

PROTOCOL FOR SCREENING COVID 19 FOR PATIENTS

- 1. Prior to every visit, the field staff are required to perform a screening for COVID 19 using the prior to visit questionnaire provided (see form). Screening of patients before every visit (a) reduces exposures for other family members and healthcare personnel (b) helps prevent the spread of disease (c) helps ensure personal protective equipment is used effectively.
- 2. If the patient exhibits any of these signs, instruct them to seek emergency medical care immediately
 - a. Trouble breathing
 - b. Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 - c. New confusion
 - d. Inability to wake or stay awake
 - e. Bluish lips or face
- 3. If the patient exhibits mild symptoms, the field staff must call the Agency immediately for collaboration of care and coordination with the primary physician. The Plan of Care shall be individualized and documented.
- 4. If the patient does not exhibit any of the symptoms, documentation of the screening must be done in the SN progress notes or the admission order.
- 5. A visit may be made on a case to case basis.
- 6. COVID testing may be offered based on the location of the patient and the availability of field staff who can perform the test.
- 7. Information regarding COVID testing locations will be provided.