

Updated Covid 19 Office Protocols

S:	Infection Prevention protocols are recommended for patients with suspected or confirmed Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) in the ambulatory setting
B:	The previous recommendations for personal protective equipment (PPE) for clinicians seeing patients with acute respiratory tract infections did not include the use of Contact Precautions to include gown and gloves when RSV is suspected or confirmed.
A:	RSV cases are at unprecedented rates and putting a great strain on our Health System. In an effort to limit transmission in the ambulatory setting, it is felt that a revision of the PPE guidelines is warranted.
R:	Infection Prevention has updated policies regarding care of patients in the ambulatory setting to include the addition of Contact Precautions when RSV is suspected or confirmed.

Patients with acute respiratory tract infection symptoms (cold/flu/COVID)	Current State (variable)	Updated State
Video Visit	Preferred/required	Offered first
Office visit	Clinician approval or Negative COVID-19 testing (most sites) Without approval only in designated sites	<p style="text-align: center;">NO APPROVAL NEEDED</p> Temporal or geographical separation from well patients in waiting room if possible (e.g., end of day or end of session with quick stop at check-in, immediate rooming, separate entrance, wait in car) Recommend but do not require prior COVID test Routine care appointments may be postponed or converted to a video visit for patients in isolation for COVID for the duration of their isolation period
COVID Testing (Mid-turbinate swab)	Designated sites only	Designated sites and clinic/medical offices. HEPA filter can be used, if available
Flu Testing (Nasopharyngeal swab)	Designated sites only	Designated sites and clinic/medical offices. HEPA filter can be used, if available
Strep Testing	Designated sites only	Designated sites and clinic/medical offices. HEPA filter can be used, if available
Nebulizer treatment		Clinic/medical offices. No longer classified as an aerosol generating procedure
Spirometry or Sputum Induction (Aerosol Generating Procedures)	Avoid/COVID pretest, PPE	Patient masked, except during the procedure. In room staff use of respirator, eye protection, gown, and gloves. Room door kept closed. Use HEPA filter or room rest 30 minutes. Pre procedure COVID test not required
PPE	Patient masked. Clinician N95, eye protection, gown and gloves	Patient masked. When COVID-19 is suspected, clinician and staff should wear N95, eye protection, gown and gloves. When RSV is suspected, the clinician should add gown and gloves.
Exam Room	Negative pressure room or HEPA Filter	Room with closed door. HEPA filter can be used, if available
Cleaning	Full wipe down with room rest of 30-60 minutes	Standard cleaning between patients. No room rest required