

## Guidelines for Smilow Ambulatory Management of Patients with COVID + or presenting from “Hot Zones”, including Extended Care Facilities (ECF), Short Term Rehab, Group Homes, and Correctional Facilities

### **Procedures for managing patients at high risk for COVID who have appointments in a Smilow Cancer Hospital or Network location:**

- COVID testing for patients presenting from ECF, Short Term Rehab, Group Homes, and Correctional facilities should be performed and resulted negative within 3 days of visit.
  - Testing must be performed on a YNHHS approved platform (see attached)
  - Patients post hospital discharge & post-ED visit unrelated to COVID should not be treated as PUI, and should be seen in usual location of care using universal precautions
  - Patients post hospitalization who were COVID+ must meet criteria to discontinue isolation before being seen in an ambulatory setting.
  - If the ECF, Short Term Rehab, Group Home, or Correctional facility cannot comply with testing within 3 days of visit, the patient should be treated in the SREC or Regional Site.
- For any positive screen, test prior to visit (within 3 days of visit) using a YNHHS approved platform (see attached) or if testing is not feasible, patient should be scheduled in SREC or regional site.
  - For patients traveling from states on travel advisory list, follow YNHHS Screening Questions and Temperature Guidelines:
    - Contact department/provider to determine if appointment can be rescheduled or converted to telehealth (CT state guidelines recommend 14 day quarantine from date of return);
    - If patient care is emergent or requires in-person appointment, patient should be seen in usual location of care with universal precaution (and does not require quarantine or negative COVID test).
- See related SBAR for Radiation Oncology Workflow for ECF patients.