

Miscellaneous Facility Guidance:

Urgent Case definition

- Any case, that is deemed NON-ELECTIVE and that if not performed could result in irreparable damage or significant morbidity to a patient. Some examples are diagnosing cancers, fracture management, hernias, preventing blindness and hearing loss, intractable pain, etc.
- All cases require approval by a minimum of two physicians (Medical director and/ or Anesthesia Director recommended to be one of the two) prior to scheduling with confirmation on day of admission.

Patient / Staff screening

- Continue to screen every patient and staff member according to established guidelines including social distancing.

Staff Protection:

- Employees who test positive- Should monitor symptoms and self-quarantine after receiving results. Employees must be symptom free without treatment for 72 hours and be cleared by their Medical Doctor, before returning to work.
- Employees who have been exposed to other staff members who have tested positive -
 - if exposure happened while wearing PPE, ok to work but monitor for symptoms.
 - If exposure happened without PPE and contact was less than 10 minutes:
 - Remain on the work schedule but monitor your symptoms including checking your temperature morning and evening. If symptoms develop you must leave work and go directly home. Contact your states COVID-19 Hotline immediately. OR (at the advice of your administration):
 - Stop working immediately and begin self-quarantine at home. You will be asked to monitor your symptoms including checking your temperature morning and evening. If symptoms develop contact your states COVID-19 Hotline immediately.
 - If exposure happened outside the center with someone who has tested positive, self-quarantine for 72 hrs. but monitor for symptoms.
- All staff who continue to work performing urgent cases should wear masks while at the center, while within 6 feet of each other, practicing National Industry approved Infection Control and PPE conservation techniques.
 - Following National Industry accepted guidance, generally, if a mask is not moist, it may be used throughout the day.

Anesthesia:

- N 95 mask should be used if patient is suspected or confirmed as having COVID-19
 - Routine PPE with modification acceptable for all other instances.
- Upper GI- All staff should remain as distant as feasible from procedure and wear appropriate PPE.