This pathway is intended as a guide for staff/providers and is not intended to replace clinical judgement.

**Screening**
(Staff member screening to wear appropriate mask and eye protection per universal masking protocol during screening process)

Screen all patients/family/caregivers on arrival to ED for exposure to COVID-19 positive person or PUI

**SYMPTOMS**
- Acute onset of any of the following symptoms:
  - Fever and/or chills
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Cough
  - Fatigue
  - Sore throat
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea
  - Muscle or body aches (not explained by exercise or activity)

**EXPOSURE (Patients)**
- Close contact with person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 or person under investigation for COVID-19 in the past 14 days

**Patient Referrals:** Answers to screening questions will be obtained from OSH and on arrival to ED

**Patients arriving by EMS:** Will be screened during radio report or at EMS door

**Adults visiting Arkansas Children’s:** Take the adult’s temperature. Ask if adult has any of the above symptoms and/or has been tested for COVID-19/been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in past 14 days.

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**Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

- **Standard isolation mask for routine care**
- **N-95 mask (FIT test required) or CAPR (MAXAIR PAPR) for aerosol-generating procedures**
- **N-95 mask for collecting specimen to rule out COVID**
- **Eye protection**
- **Gown**
- **Gloves**

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**STOP**

- Place mask on patient, family, and escorting staff
- Patient stable: Notify charge nurse, he/she will determine who will escort patient to AIIR rooms 6 and 7, negative pressure rooms 21, 22, 23, 24.
- Place patient on Special Respiratory Enhanced Contact Isolation (see yellow PPE box)
- Obtain cell phone number to contact primary caregiver and for ED point person (TL, RN)

**Inform ED Team Leader, Attending**

**Unsuspected**

- **Place mask on patient, and place patient in any open room**
- Behavioral Health patients: provide wire-free mask

**ED Team Leader**

- Notify ED TL on shift/on call
- Ensure Special Respiratory Enhanced Contact isolation is in place
- Ensure RN/Provider wear PPE, have been FIT tested or have CAPR
- Staff complete PPE Assessment in EPIC

**Proceed as normal**

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**YES = POSITIVE SCREEN**

**If sick/in distress:**

- Place in room 1 or 2
- FULL PPE for all team

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**NO = NEGATIVE SCREEN**

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**GO TO CORONAVIRUS POSITIVE SCREEN PATHWAY FOR ED**
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EXPOSURE (Patients)
Close contact with person with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 or person under investigation for COVID-19 in the past 14 days

Admit to an appropriate inpatient isolation room.
Mask patient, family, and staff during transport.

Order ACH COVID-19 by RT-PCR. Collect (1) NP swab in viral transport media and send to main lab. If we run out of viral transport media, (1) NP swab in normal saline is acceptable for COVID-19 PCR testing; however the RPP will not be able to be performed.

Clinical Features
Asymptomatic – Discharging from ED: NO
Asymptomatic + Admission to Facility: YES
Asymptomatic + Exposure (at least 5 days after exposure): NO
Symptoms* compatible with acute COVID-19 with mild symptoms (discharge): YES
Symptoms* compatible with acute COVID-19 with moderate/severe symptoms (admission): YES

Flu Testing: NO
RPP Testing: NO
COVID-19 Testing:
- Asymptomatic – NO
- Asymptomatic + Admission to Facility: YES
- Asymptomatic + Exposure (at least 5 days after exposure): YES
- Symptoms* compatible with acute COVID-19 with mild symptoms (discharge): YES
- Symptoms* compatible with acute COVID-19 with moderate/severe symptoms (admission): YES

*Symptoms compatible with acute COVID-19
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All patients being tested for COVID-19 require quarantine.

Admission
- Obtain RRP and COVID swabs for all admissions.
- Admit to an appropriate inpatient isolation room.
- Mask patient, family, and staff during transport.