

To: OB/GYN physicians
From: Work Group for navigating COVID status issues at delivery*
Date: April 14, 2020
RE: Secondary screening for previous +COVID test prior to delivery

According to the CDC, transmission-based precautions for patients with known or suspected COVID-19 *may be discontinued* when the following criteria are met:

- **at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed *since recovery*** defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and Improvement in respiratory symptoms and,
- **at least 7 days have passed *since symptoms first appeared***

Beginning *Thursday (4/16) morning at 0700*, we will begin a secondary screening for patients who have previously tested positive or have a COVID-19 test pending. The responses to these screening questions will guide patient placement decisions.

If the patient has a prior COVID + test or has a test pending, the following questions will be asked:

1. Greater than or equal to 7 days since symptom onset?
2. Greater than or equal to 72 hours since last fever (without fever reducing medications)?
3. Significant improvement or resolution of symptoms?

***If patient answers YES to all 3 questions, she may be placed in a regular room on the unit most suited to her care needs.**

***If patient answers NO to any of the three questions, she is placed on the COVID unit in enhanced airborne precautions.**

Woman's pregnancy navigator

For known positive cases that were tested through Woman's laboratory, you may be contacted by the Woman's pregnancy navigator, Angela Hammett, to assist with planning and preparing for delivery.

If you have known positive patients that were tested elsewhere, you may also contact Angela angela.hammett@womans.org to assist.

Regarding COVID status of intended support person

If the support person also tested positive, the same three questions above will be used to determine whether or not they may enter. If the support person is asymptomatic/never tested and has had exposure to the patient, he/she is not allowed in unless 14 days have passed since the patient's symptoms began. Patient should be encouraged to call for another support person that has not been exposed. You may also encourage virtual/Facetime visitation.

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