



Harmonized

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Authorizing Prescriber(s)

Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC).

Authorized to Whom

Regulated Health Care Providers (RHCPs) who have the knowledge, skill, judgement and appropriate training to perform a COVID Swab and operate the Abbott ID Now instrument.

Patient Description/Population

Any patient who meets one or more of the criteria below:

- In the emergency department needing conscious sedation or requiring urgent surgical interventions where there is potential for an aerosol generating procedure to occur
- Inpatients being transferred between Lakeridge Health sites as per *COVID-19 Screening, Testing, Managing Inpatient, Hospital Based Outpatient, Priority Populations and Other Risk Groups*
- Inpatient on a unit declared on outbreak and/or any patient with potential exposure to another person with a declared COVID positive result
- Inpatient awaiting an alternative level of care facility admission requiring a pre-transfer COVID assessment to be accepted

Order and/or Procedure

These procedures are not presented in sequential order; any one of or combination of the procedures below may be performed by the nurse.

The authorized implementer will:

- Collect the Covid-19 Swab
- Process the Covid-19 Swab with the Abbott ID Now instrument

This order includes a delegation of the controlled act inserting an instrument into the nasal passages beyond the point of narrowing for those RHCPs that do not have this controlled act afforded under the Regulated Health Professional Act.

Indications to the Implementation of the Directive

- Any patient in the emergency department who requires conscious sedation or an urgent surgical intervention where there is potential for an aerosol generating procedure to occur



- Any inpatient being transferred to another Lakeridge Health site or inpatient unit including patients requiring surgery and those admitted to an inpatient unit
- Any inpatient being discharged to an alternative level of care facility that requires a recent COVID-19 status for admission
- Any patient residing on a Lakeridge Health unit in a COVID-19 outbreak and/or any patient with potential exposure to another person with a declared COVID positive result

Contraindications to the Implementation of the Directive

This medical directive must not be implemented in the following circumstances:

- Patient or Substitute Decision Maker (SDM) does not consent to the procedure(s)
- Patients less than 18 years of age
- Patient does not require recent/STAT COVID-19 testing for procedure/transfer
- The patient has facial anomaly or facial trauma that interferes with swabbing

Consent

Consent to the COVID testing must be obtained by the nurse prior to implementing this medical directive.

If the patient/SDM does not consent, or is unable to provide consent, contact the MRP immediately to determine plan of care.

Documentation Requirements

In addition to standard documentation practices, the RCP implementing this directive must document the following in the person's health record:

- The procedure performed on the patient in a patient care note
- The name of the medical directive

Review/Evaluation Process

Interprofessional Practice will review this document every 2 years.