Delta County Memorial Hospital

Policies & Procedures – COVID-19

Hospital Personnel Appropriate for Testing

The following persons will be considered for rapid POC testing. It is imperative that we are judicious with these tests as they are limited.

- Any healthcare provider in direct patient care or first responder that is **symptomatic** including:
  - Physicians
  - Nurses: CRNA's, NP's, RN's, LPN's
  - CNA's
  - MA's
  - Respiratory Therapists
  - Physical and Occupational Therapists
  - Radiology Staff
  - EMS
  - Law Enforcement
  - Lab/Phlebotomy

Consideration for MAYO PCR testing:

- Critical infrastructure workers such as health care, information technology and communications, food and agriculture, utilities, and others. While these are considered critical, not every employee in these industries is automatically classified as a critical worker. Consider the individual's duties, workplace, vulnerability, and if they can work remotely. Examples include:
  - Medical Records
  - Reception
  - EVS
  - Lab/Phlebotomy (asymptomatic)
  - Healthcare workers not in direct patient care
  - Law Enforcement (asymptomatic)
  - Billing

If a critical worker is allowed to continue in-person work after exposure to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19, they should be instructed to strictly adhere to infection prevention practices such as meticulous mask wearing, physical distancing, frequent hand hygiene, and routine cleaning and disinfection of commonly touched surfaces. Ensure workers do not share devices or tools such as headsets, telephones, computers etc. and increase air exchanges in the building or space if possible. **An exposed critical worker should only be allowed to continue working in person if the worker remains asymptomatic.**

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