



# GUIDE FOR PUI (PERSON UNDER INVESTIGATION) OR COVID-19 POSITIVE

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## GUIDE

The purpose of this guide is to assist staff in the completion of required documentation for patients with suspected or known COVID-19 (coronavirus disease of 2019), and those coming from, or living in hot spots. Facilities with a known case of COVID-19 are considered hot spots as are areas identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Governor, and other regulatory bodies.

## PROCEDURE

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1. If notification is received indicating a patient has symptoms, is suspected of COVID-19, or is tested/being tested, call physician to discuss symptomology. If it is determined that the patient is a PUI, complete the following:
  - a. Obtain and enter order for isolation including: contact, droplet, and airborne precautions
  - b. Obtain and enter order for COVID-19 test
  - c. Enter Point Care Visit Alert for “Patient on isolation with contact, droplet, and airborne precautions; COVID-19 results pending. Wear N-95 mask, gloves, gown, and goggles.”
  - d. Enter Medical Examiner (ME) coordination note: Pending COVID-19 results
  - e. Enter Point Care Visit Alert that patient is ME case as PUI with the date of the ME note
  - f. Enter Quality Improvement (QI) Infection Control report in HCHB
  - g. Enter a second care type of COVID-19 or PUI in clinical input, referral source
  - h. Notify Employee Health Department at [employeehealth@avowcares.org](mailto:employeehealth@avowcares.org)
  - i. Notify the primary team, clinical managers, and medical staff
  
2. If notification is received indicating a patient is positive, call physician for notification/orders.
  - a. Enter new Point Care Visit Alert for “Patient on isolation with contact, droplet, and airborne precautions: COVID-19 test positive. Wear N-95 mask, gown, goggles, and gloves.”
  - b. Inactivate previous COVID-19 Point Care Visit Alert (if applicable) if you have access or email HCHBdatacorrections
  - c. Add new ME coordination note with updated details
  - d. Enter QI Infection Control report in HCHB for positive result
  - e. Add new Point Care Visit Alert referring to the date of the new ME coordination note



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- f. Enter a second care type of COVID-19 or PUI in “clinical input,” referral source
  - g. Notify Employee Health Department at [employeehealth@avowcares.org](mailto:employeehealth@avowcares.org)
  - h. Notify the primary team, clinical managers, and medical staff
3. If a call or notification is received indicating a patient has tested negative for COVID-19, call the physician for notification/orders.
- a. Discuss if patient should come out of isolation. Family in home may be positive or symptomatic, facility may have outbreak. A negative patient result does not necessarily mean the patient is removed from isolation.
  - b. If the patient’s COVID-19 test results are negative, but the patient remains in isolation, update the Point Care Visit Alert with “Maintain Airborne, Contact, and Droplet Precautions: Person(s) under investigation for COVID-19 in home or in a hotspot. Wear N-95 mask, gown, goggles, and gloves.”
  - c. If patient is negative and being taken out of isolation
    - i. Discontinue isolation order
    - ii. Inactivate Point Care Visit Alert if you have access or email HCHBdatacorrection
    - iii. Delete the second care type of COVID-19 or PUI in clinical input, referral source or email HCHBdatacorrections
    - iv. Notify Employee Health Department at [employeehealth@avowcares.org](mailto:employeehealth@avowcares.org).
    - v. Notify the primary team, clinical managers, and medical staff
4. Patients coming from, or living in hot spots are to be monitored for COVID-19 symptoms and staff are to take extra precautions when caring for them. Facilities with a known case of COVID-19 are considered hot spots as are areas identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Florida Governor, and other regulatory bodies.
- a. Enter a Point Care Visit Alert to say, "Patient needs to self-isolate for 14 days due to coming from a hot spot or facility is considered a hot spot. If patient exhibit symptoms during this time obtain order for COVID-19 testing. Wear N-95 mask, goggles and gloves."
  - b. Enter a second care type of HOT SPOT in clinical input, referral source
  - c. Notify Employee Health Department at [employeehealth@avowcares.org](mailto:employeehealth@avowcares.org)
  - d. Notify the primary team, clinical managers, and medical staff

## REFERENCES



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- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/index.html>

## DEFINITIONS

- PUI- person under investigation
- COVID-19- coronavirus disease of 2019

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