

Please see below regarding Point Care Visit Alerts in HCHB, Precautions Needed, and Required PPE.

If patient is pending results of a COVID-19 test, enter a Point Care Visit Alert to say “Initiate Airborne Contact, and Droplet Precautions: COVID-19 Results Pending. Wear N-95 mask, gown, goggles, and gloves.”

If patient is positive for COVID-19, enter a Point Care Visit Alert to say “Patient on Airborne, Contact, and Droplet Precautions: COVID-19 test Positive. Wear N-95 mask, gown, goggles, and gloves.”

If patient was previously positive for COVID-19 and is now testing negative, enter a Point Care Visit Alert to say “Maintain Airborne, Contact, and Droplet Precautions: Person(s) under investigation for COVID-19 in home. Wear N-95 mask, gown, goggles, and gloves.”

If family members have respiratory symptoms or fever, enter a Point Care Visit Alert to say, “Initiate and maintain Airborne, Contact, and Droplet Precautions for 14 days for Person(s) under investigation in the home. Wear N-95 mask, gown, goggles, and gloves.”

If a patient is coming from a hot spot they need to be on self-isolation for 14 days. Enter a Point Care Alert to say, "Patient needs to self-isolate for 14 days due to coming from a hot spot. Initiate and maintain Airborne, Contact and Droplet Precautions for 14 days. If they exhibit symptoms during this time obtain order for COVID-19 testing. Wear N-95 mask, gown, goggles, and gloves.”

When a patient is taken off droplet and airborne precautions when no longer testing positive for COVID 19, staff still need to ensure they continue to utilize the respiratory screening tool prior to conducting an in-person visit. Family members or others in the home may be COVID-19 positive. Continue to utilize appropriate PPE when providing care to your patients, sanitize all equipment used on the patient as you have previously done, and wash your hands. Limit direct contact to 10 minutes when performing your primary functions and allow for social distancing during your visit.

Please review the following videos:

Donning PPE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZRG9ztFOZE>

Doffing PPE: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wLuYDv65_to