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<p>Delegated Procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ordering of nasopharyngeal, combined throat and both nares, bilateral deep nasal, combined oral (buccal) and deep nasal, or sputum specimens for COVID 19 testing. All above are Preferred testing in non-hospitalized patients with respiratory symptoms or asymptomatic persons meeting MOH testing criteria. For Hospitalized patients with respiratory symptoms the Preferred route is nasopharyngeal swab or lower respiratory track sputum. Combined swab of throat and both nares is Acceptable route. Antigen Testing for visitors meeting visitor exclusion criteria that are not fully vaccinated
<p>Recipient Patients:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Windsor Regional Hospital (WRH) Patients and Visitors meeting current Provincial Testing Criteria and WRH Policy.
<p>Authorized Implementers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All WRH Registered Nurses, Registered Practical Nurses and Infection Prevention and Control practitioners. All WRH clerical staff can enter orders for COVID-19 if patient meets criteria and directed by the nurse. 4th year BScN students under direction of an RN
<p>Authorizing Mechanism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered WRH Patient or visitor meeting criteria for testing. <p>From whom:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr Wassim Saad Chief of Staff
<p>Indications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient meeting current criteria from COVID-19 Provincial Testing Guidance. Visitor meeting criteria for antigen testing in Visitor Policy
<p>Contraindications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patient/Visitor does not consent to testing. Testing completed with Positive test result obtained within 4 days. NP Swabbing is contraindicated with uncontrolled epistaxis, facial trauma and/or history of facial surgery. If contraindicated consider performing a deep nasal swab, combined throat and both nares, buccal/nasal or as a last resort a throat swab.
<p>Consent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal consent to be obtained upon initiation
<p>Guidelines for Implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Upon identification of patient meeting testing criteria, document order in patient health record. Upon identification of visitor meeting testing criteria, complete Visitor Antigen Testing Record. Notify MRP once initiated.
<p>Documentation/Communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document order in patient health record. Document completion of test on Visitor Antigen Testing Record.

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- Notify MRP once initiated for patient.
- Complete testing.
- Complete required COVID 19-test requisition or other as appropriate.
- Notify Infection Prevention and Control of completed test.
- For Visitor testing, no lab requisition required. Follow Visitor Policy related to results obtained.

Quality Monitoring Guidelines:

- Clinical Practice Manager/Coordinator to monitor appropriateness of ordering as required.

Administrative Approvals:

A record of all approvals is maintained by Medical Affairs Director.

Approving Authorizers:

A record of all approving authorizers is maintained by Medical Affairs Director.