Standing Order to Administer *FDA* Authorized *COVID-19* Tests
At Health Care Facilities

November 8, 2021

Purpose

To enable health care staff in hospitals the opportunity to test eligible symptomatic or asymptomatic individuals in an effort to increase testing options available to the community through the use of an FDA authorized COVID-19 test.

An FDA authorized COVID-19 test may be used to test symptomatic or asymptomatic individuals who are undergoing sedated procedure within 48-72 hours, as well as symptomatic or asymptomatic individuals considered a close contact of an individual with SARS-CoV-2, or to generally rule out the presence of SARS-CoV-2.. COVID-19 symptoms are a new cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, fever (≥100.4°F), congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, sore throat, headache and myalgia.

Policy

This standing order authorizes any health care provider or other trained personnel authorized by their licensure, scope of practice, and the rules and requirements of a health care facility or medically supervised COVID-19 collection site to collect, submit for laboratory analysis, evaluate results in the case of rapid antigen tests, specimens to be tested using a SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic test for any individual in accordance with the conditions of the Order. When laboratory analysis is required, the collection site that submitted the specimen for SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic testing is authorized to receive the test results directly from the testing laboratory. This Order further authorizes the site that performed the diagnostic test to provide test results directly to the individual who was tested, subject to the individual's consent (*see* Procedure 6 below).

Procedure

1. Confirm the patient is there for a COVID-19 test
2. Evaluate individuals for symptoms of COVID-19 as appropriate
3. For asymptomatic individuals self-referred for testing, verify with the individual the date of exposure
4. Provide applicable Fact Sheet for Patients
5. Offer opportunity for questions
6. Obtain signed consent form
7. Administer the test pursuant to the manufacturer guidelines and Procedure Card
8. Document
    a. Date, time, location of test
    b. Name, title, and professional license number of the person administering the test
    c. Name of test and manufacturer lot and number
    d. Results of the test

e. Whether the individual is symptomatic or asymptomatic, exposure date(s), symptom onset date as applicable

9. Submit the required data and all test results via secure file transfer protocol in accordance with the procedure specified by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) within twenty-four hours of each test's administration.

This order and procedure shall be effective on November 8, 2021 and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until June 30, 2022.

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