COVID-19 Management for Psychiatric Patients

Patient on a Psychiatric inpatient unit develops symptoms c/w COVID

Move patient to private room

Obtain COVID test

COVID test result

Positive

Screen all patients on Psych Unit for symptoms

Obtain COVID test on any patients with symptoms

COVID test result

All tests negative

Routine Care

≥ 1 tests positive (within 2 weeks of 1st positive test)

Obtain COVID test on all patients on the unit

Consult Epidemiology for further guidance; management dependent on proportion of patients infected and hospital census; decision to be made by Epidemiology, Psychiatry, Internal Medicine (or Pediatrics), & Nursing

Negative

Patient returns to routine activity/Admitted

Screen all patients on Psych Unit for symptoms

Obtain COVID test on any patients with symptoms

COVID test result

All tests negative

Routine Care

Arrange transfer. If adult patient, call ATC; if pediatric patient, call COVID Gen Peds Attending On-Call (pager 6043)

Transfer patient to appropriate unit for medical care; Behavioral Health staff to be assigned to medical unit to assist in care.

Primary service is Internal Medicine (or Pediatrics) with Psychiatry consulting

Close the Psych Unit to new admissions

COVID-19 Management for Psychiatric Inpatients
Psychiatric patient in ED needs admission

Obtain COVID test

COVID test result

Positive test within past 3 months, asymptomatic, out of isolation period

Admit to psych unit

Negative

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Positive

Admit to COVID Unit