Screening Questions
- Fever ≥100.4°F or subjective
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Sore throat
- Body aches
- Fatigue
- Diarrhea
- Recent travel to high risk area or close contact with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case

Visitor Policy
- No non-essential visitors
- Limit 1 essential visitor per patient (interpreter, caregiver, minor child, etc.)
- Patients asked NOT to bring children
- All patients and visitors entering will receive temperature screening and possible additional screening and instructions as needed
- If you are a nonessential visitor, we kindly ask you remain in your vehicle/outside until the patient’s visit is complete

Assess Epidemiologic Risk Factors*
- Extent of COVID-19 community spread
- Close contact with suspect or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 patient within 14 days of symptom onset
- History of travel from affected geographic area (US or abroad) within 14 days of symptom onset
- Healthcare worker
- Public safety occupation (eg, police, fire, EMS)

If on the phone
- If pregnant, transfer to RN for further assessment
- If not pregnant, advise patient to call her PCP or (220) 564-4014 if no PCP
- Reschedule appointment, if applicable

If in the office
- Give patient a mask
- Maintain distance of 6 ft. apart
- Mask any visitor with the patient or ask them to wait in their vehicle
- Place in designated private room with door closed (or ask to return to vehicle)
- Apply Droplet/Contact Precautions sign to door
- Notify physician and office manager
- MA or RN to check patient’s temperature and pulse ox and document in EMR

Routine Care

Provide mask and notify provider to determine if patient will be seen or rescheduled

Cold Symptoms Only

Screen all patients
- When scheduling appointment via phone
- When making appointment reminder calls
- When a patient calls in with COVID-19 concern
- When patient presents to the office
Conduct Illness Severity Assessment

- Does she have difficulty breathing or shortness of breath?
- Does she have difficulty completing a sentence without gasping for air or needing to stop to catch breath frequently when walking across the room?
- Does patient cough more than 1 teaspoon of blood?
- Does she have new pain or pressure in the chest other than pain with coughing?
- Is she unable to keep liquids down?
- Does she show signs of dehydration such as dizziness when standing?
- Is she less responsive than normal or does she become confused when talking to her?

Assess Clinical and Social Risks

- Comorbidities (hypertension, diabetes, asthma, HIV, chronic heart disease, chronic liver disease, chronic lung disease, chronic kidney disease, blood dyscrasia, class III obesity, and people on immunosuppressive medications)
- Obstetric issues (eg, preterm labor)
- Inability to care for self or arrange follow-up if necessary

CDC COVID-19 Testing Criteria - Priorities
Symptomatic with fever and/or symptoms of acute respiratory illness
AND
Epidemiologic risk factor*
OR
High-risk individual (eg, hospitalized, older adults, chronic medical conditions, and/or immunocompromised)

ODH Suggested Testing Criteria: Only test tiers 1, 2, 3
Tier 1 - Hospitalized; symptomatic
Tier 2 - Healthcare workers at Tier 1 institutions and all individuals in public safety occupations; symptomatic
Tier 3 - mild/moderate symptoms and high-risk individual
Tier 4 - mild/moderate symptoms and no risk factors for adverse outcomes (NOT CURRENTLY RECOMMENDED)
Tier 5 - asymptomatic (NOT CURRENTLY RECOMMENDED)

Contact LMHS Infection Prevention if needed at (220) 564-4158
Elevated Risk

- Recommend she immediately seek care in an emergency department or dial 911
- Notify ED at 4151, L&D at 4301, and OB physician on call
- Report that you are referring a PUI to minimize the chance of spreading infection to other patients and/or healthcare workers at the facility
- Adhere to local infection control practices including personal protective equipment

- If respiratory compromise or complications, admit patient for further evaluation and treatment per Inpatient Maternity COVID-19 Policy
- If NO respiratory compromise or complications, medically stable, and able to follow-up with care, follow protocol for LOW RISK
MODERATE RISK

- See patient as soon as possible in an ambulatory setting where she can be isolated and with resources to determine severity of illness.

**If meets COVID-19 testing criteria and no acute OB issue:**

- Refer to and notify COVID-19 specialty clinic
  - 131 McMillen Dr. (Monday-Friday 12-5pm); Phone ext. 1198 or 1199
  - An on site provider will evaluate patient and order testing if patient meets criteria in context of testing supply shortages
  - Only refer to and notify ED at 4151 if outside specialty clinic hours and you determine patient cannot wait until testing site opens. You must report that you are referring a PUI.

**If does NOT meet COVID-19 testing criteria and no acute OB issue:**

- Consider referral to PCP or urgent care for influenza testing. Instruct patient to call prior to her arrival.

**If any acute OB issue:**

- Notify OB physician on call, L&D at 4301, and ED at 4151
- If patient meets criteria for COVID-19 testing, you MUST report that you are referring a PUI
- All OB patients with COVID-19 risk factors and/or symptoms will be assessed in the ED and cleared prior to transfer to L&D

- If respiratory compromise or complications, admit patient for further evaluation and treatment per Inpatient Maternity COVID-19 Policy
- If NO respiratory compromise or complications and able to follow-up with care, follow protocol for LOW RISK
LOW RISK

• Refer patient for **symptomatic home care** including hydration and rest
• Monitor for development of any symptoms above and restart algorithm if new symptoms present
• Routine obstetric precautions

*Consider influenza testing and/or treatment per [ACOG Influenza Algorithm](#)*

If patient has mild COVID-19, is a PUI, or is symptomatic with suspected COVID-19 but unable to be tested:
- Advise patient *self-isolate at home* and follow CDC guidelines for preventing COVID-19 from spreading
- Follow CDC guidelines about when to **discontinue home isolation**
- Provide [patient education checklist](#)

If patient has an epidemiologic risk factor but is asymptomatic:
- Advise patient *self-quarantine at home for 14 days*
- Instruct patient to take temperature twice a day and monitor for fever, cough, or trouble breathing
- Provide [patient education checklist](#)