

Valley Medical Group, P.C.

Clinical Policy and Procedure Template

Title: Point of Care Testing Outside of the Health Center

Purpose: To provide care for patients in need of POC test for influenza, COVID, strep infection

Policy: To provide guidelines for clinical staff providing care outside of the health center

Procedure:

1. Parent or Patient will call into the health center to notify staff they have arrived for their care.
2. If a parent or patient is not able to call from their vehicle on arrival to the health center (no cell phone) they will be requested to call in advance of their arrival to share the time they anticipate arriving for their appointment and the vehicle make and color they will arrive in. Patients will be directed to park in the areas designated for the Respiratory Clinic and to meet the Medical Assistant or Provider in the designated outside testing space.
3. Clinical staff will review provider orders and prepare for service outside of the health center.
4. Clinical staff will don full PPE including face shield, mask, gloves and gown. The full PPE will be changed between patients, and the face shield disinfected.
5. Clinical staff will prepare a basket with ordered POC testing materials, hand sanitizer, extra gloves, and tissues.
6. Clinical staff will greet the patient, identify the patient by name and DOB, and provide instructions in self-testing of ordered POC test.
7. Clinical staff will stay with patient to provide support and observe for proper technique and reaction to self-test.
8. Clinical staff will obtain the specimen from the patient and perform the POC test and document results in EMR.
9. Following the self-test, the patient will be assisted into the Respiratory Clinic for scheduled appointment or discharged home to await results of test and further information.
10. A center without a Respiratory Clinic will send a patient case to the Virtual Provider's staff to coordinate a time for the patient to come to the center. The MA will meet the patient outside of the health center, provide instruction, and observe the self-testing outdoors in the parking lot.

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