**COVID LABOR AND DELIVERY**

**General Principles**
- Wear a surgical mask at all times in L&D - patients, healthcare workers, visitors
- Ask all patients whether they have any symptoms of coronavirus infection. Notify M.D if you believe they do. Test for COVID-19 AND influenza
- Test all admitted asymptomatic patient for COVID-19 with in-house test: SARS CoV-2 VCMC
- Test triage patients who you expect will return within 24 hours: SARS CoV-2 VCMC
- Doffing PPE in setting of COVID+/PUI is the highest risk step! Use hygienist.
- Attend COVID rounds when on call.

**ASYMPTOMATIC labor patients who are COVID negative**
- Standard precautions

**Asymptomatic labor patients -COVID test result unknown:**
- Standard precautions with Contact/Droplet PPE* in active labor/2nd stage. N95 may be worn at provider’s discretion
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**COVID+ or PUI with COVID test pending:**
- Encourage early epidural and consult with anesthesia to maintain good block
- Patient wears mask
- Airborne PPE*
- Generally 1 nurse, and 1 physician

**COVID+ or PUI with COVID test pending requires C-section**
- All personnel in Airborne PPE*
- Nurse, anesthesiologist, scrub tech, surgeon prepare the OR to receive patient
- Scrub tech moves table with surgeons’ gown and gloves outside the OR
- Surgeon doffs gown and gloves, and leaves OR with N95 and goggles on.
- Surgeon/assistant scrub and don gown and gloves outside the OR. Enter OR
- C-section performed. Baby handed to personnel wearing clean PPE .
- Baby becomes PUI-follow pediatric/NICU guidelines
- Patient transported directly to room where she will recover. Nurses may transport her in PPE worn in OR

**Asymptomatic patients undergoing C-section with regional anesthesia –COVID status unknown**
- Anesthesiologist, surgeon, assistant surgeon, scrub tech wear N95, goggles, gown, gloves in case patient must be intubated during the case
- All others in standard OR PPE. If patient must be intubated, others will step outside to don N95 and goggles.

**Asymptomatic patients undergoing C-section -COVID negative**
- Standard precautions

**Wait to clean time for COVID/PUI rooms**
- VCMC OR: 30 minutes after extubation/10 minutes if regional anesthesia
- SPH OR: 45 minutes after extubation/10 minutes if regional anesthesia
- *VCMC/SPH Labor rooms: 10 minutes after patient leaves the room.

*Contact/Droplet = surgical mask, face shield, gown, gloves
*Airborne = N95 or PAPR, face shield, gown, gloves

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