



VENTURA COUNTY HEALTH CARE AGENCY

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Swabbing Asymptomatic Patients for COVID-19

Pre-Discharge of Inpatient to Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF):

Some SNF / LTCFs are requiring a negative COVID test prior to accepting a patient from the hospital.

The following process should apply when swabbing asymptomatic patients awaiting discharge to Skilled Nursing Facility or Long-Term Care Facility:

- Perform swab in patient room, with door closed
- Patient to wear procedural mask over mouth
- Nurse performing swab should wear the following PPE: gown, gloves, N95 respirator (or equivalent), eye protection (goggles or face shield)
- Test to be sent to Public Health Lab (Please plan ahead)
 - Have test run within 72 hours of planned discharge
- Patient does NOT need to be placed in isolation precautions while awaiting results of test
 - If while awaiting results of COVID NP Swab testing, patient becomes symptomatic, then initiate appropriate COVID precautions

Per-Surgical Testing

Asymptomatic patients awaiting surgery may also get COVID testing prior to **general anesthesia**:

- Perform swab in patient room, with door closed
- Patient to wear procedural mask over mouth
- Nurse performing swab should wear the following PPE: gown, gloves, N95 respirator (or equivalent), eye protection (goggles or face shield)
- Test to be sent to VCMC for inpatient testing
 - When possible, run test within 24 hours of planned surgery
- Patient does NOT need to be placed in isolation precautions while awaiting results of test
 - If while awaiting results of COVID NP Swab testing, patient becomes symptomatic, then initiate appropriate COVID precautions

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