

## Guidelines for COVID-19 by a Health Care Providers

All patients meeting criteria below are to be placed in mandatory ambulatory quarantine or inpatient airborne isolation until cleared by Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. An individual has come within proximate contact (same classroom, office, or gatherings) of another person known to be positive; or</li><li>2. An individual has traveled to a country that the CDC has issued a <a href="#">Level 2 or Level 3 Travel Health Notice</a> (current list available on Kaleida Health <a href="#">Coronavirus informational link</a>), and shows symptoms of illness; or</li><li>3. An individual is quarantined (mandatory or precautionary) and has shown symptoms of COVID-19 illness; or</li></ol>
For patients who meet the criterial below, if the treating provider determines there is any concern for coronavirus or anticipate the need for coronavirus testing after a negative viral panel, they should be placed in ambulatory quarantine or inpatient airborne isolation until cleared by ECDOH
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. An individual is symptomatic and provider determines needs testing; or</li><li>5. Other cases where the facts and circumstances warrant as determined by the treating clinician in consultation with state and local department of health officials.</li></ol>

\*Symptoms of illness include subjective or objective, shortness of breath, or cough

**Notify the ECDOH with ANY suspected cases of coronavirus inpatient and outpatient:  
(716) 858-7697 (ask for an epidemiologist)  
Testing occurs from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**

Outpatient providers should contact the ECDOH with patients calling or visiting who meet criteria for testing/quarantine and can be managed in the ambulatory setting.

If a provider is sending a patient into a Kaleida Health facility for testing or evaluation, please call ahead to speak with an ED attending. **This should be reserved for patients who require inpatient management.**

An order to lift ambulatory quarantine or inpatient airborne isolation can come only from the ECDOH.

Precautions:

Any release of information must adhere strictly to HIPAA and any other applicable laws governing personal health information. Contact NYS Department of Health for guidance. Any healthcare provider or local health department that has any request or would like to discuss a particular case should contact Dr. Debra Blog and the NYS Department of Health for specific guidance.