

COVID-19 Clinical Clearance Order

Expected Go Live Date 8/25/20

Intended Audience Ordering Clinicians

Confirmed or Presumptive Positive COVID patients will retain a COVID infection flag for 20 days past the date of the original result or entering the monitoring program. A **Covid Clinical Clearance Order** has been created for instances where a delay in a patient’s care is considered detrimental. The patient must also meet the criteria specified in the Clinical Clearance or Testing Strategy.

Inpatient and Ambulatory workflows are detailed below:

Inpatient

When a patient meets Clinical Clearance criteria, place the COVID-19 Clinical Clearance order and the COVID flag will drop at the next midnight.

1. From the orders sidebar enter clinical clearance
2. Select the COVID-19 Clinical Clearance order

COVID-19 Clinical Clearance Accept Cancel

Priority: Routine

Frequency: ONE TIME 1 Time Until D/C Q Shift Daily (specify time) PRN

Starting: 8/24/2020 Today Tomorrow At: 1017

Scheduled Times 08/24/20 1017

Comments: Clinical Clearance should only be utilized if the patient's care is time sensitive. Patient must meet clinical or testing criteria, along with resoluti....

Recipient	Modifier

Next Required Link Order Accept Cancel

3. Review the order criteria and Sign Orders

Ambulatory

A BPA will display upon signing a qualifying diagnostic testing order for a patient with the COVID infection flag. The order can be placed from a link to the **COVID Clinical Clearance Order** SmartSet.

The **Covid Clinical Clearance Order** can also be placed directly from the SmartSet.

1. Click **Open SmartSet** to place the **Clinical Clearance Order**.
 - If the order must be placed despite the COVID-19 infection status, **DO NOT** place the Clinical Clearance Order. Click **Cancel** to dismiss the BPA. Proceed with placing the diagnostic testing order and update the priority to STAT.
2. Review the criteria in the SmartSet and click **Sign** if appropriate.

Document “Clinical Clearance”

1. Add documentation to the Progress Note by using the **.covid19ambclinicalclearance** SmartPhrase.

Progress Notes

Cosign Required

Insert SmartText

Patients with confirmed or (presumed positive) COVID infections need to maintain appropriate COVID precautions in outpatient setting for duration of time to account for viral spreading, currently these precautions last 20 days although this guidance may change.

However there are mechanisms to clear patients from precautions earlier, especially if this would facilitate better patient care.

1. Clinical strategy

Individuals with laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 who have not had any symptoms may discontinue home isolation when at least seven days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test and have had no subsequent illness.

AND Jillian Allatoona has met the following clinical strategy criteria:

- Not on immune suppressants including long term prednisone or have active immunocompromising conditions (currently stem cell or organ transplant, active chemotherapy, HIV with CD4 <200)
- Not previously hospitalized due to COVID for >24 hours
- Not residing in long term care facility

2. Testing strategy

Northwestern Medicine has criteria for COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) retesting of immunocompromised patients.

Patients who have COVID-19 with symptoms present and were directed to care for themselves at home may discontinue home isolation under the following conditions:

- Resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications;
- Resolution of respiratory symptoms (with the exception of a lingering cough) and
- Negative results of an FDA Emergency Use Authorized molecular assay for COVID-19 from at least two consecutive nasopharyngeal swab specimens collected ≥ 24 hours apart (total of two negative specimens).
- Not a stem cell or organ transplant patient or active leukemia or lymphoma on chemotherapy (these patients require discussion with transplant infectious disease)
- Northwestern Medicine is only able to provide repeat testing for this population at this time.

Jillian Allatoona has met all the above criteria, and is therefore cleared for Ambulatory Care. |