**SCHC Primary Care & Subspecialty Ambulatory Sites COVID-19 Guidance Document**

1. **Patient Screening and Triage** 
   1. Screen patient and parent/guardian when appointment is made and upon arrival. Screening question should include:
      1. Symptoms of COVID-19
      2. COVID-19 positive test in past 10 days
      3. Pending COVID-19 test
      4. COVID Exposure
   2. If patient screen is *positive* discuss with physician timing of when patient should be scheduled
      1. If patient needs to be seen without delay
         1. Parents who are COVID-19 positive should be encouraged to have someone else bring the child if possible
         2. Provide surgical masks to the patient and parent/guardian upon arrival
         3. Place child and parent/guardian immediately in exam room
         4. Disinfect the exam room after the visit
         5. If aerosol-generating procedure is performed in a room it should not be cleaned for 60 minutes after the procedure is completed.
      2. Patients whose appointment can be safely delayed, as determined by the physician, should be rescheduled for 10 days after the onset of symptoms or, if asymptomatic, 10 days after the test date.
      3. The physician should discuss the need to see patients/parents who present and then are found to have symptoms or are known to be positive for COVID-19. If the determination is made that the patient will be seen, follow the section above *A.b.i*.
   3. A virtual visit may be an option for some departments. Virtual visits should be agreed upon by both parent/guardian and provider.
   4. If the clinic has designated times/areas for screen positive or negative well visits or sick visits, then utilize those times/areas.
   5. Remind parents that masks are required for everyone ≥2 years old. Mask must cover the nose and mouth.
   6. If a child requires albuterol treatment in the office, MDI is preferred.
      1. If nebulized medications administered HCW should wear appropriate PPE including N95 and eye protection.
      2. Close patient’s door during and after the visit
      3. Since nebulizer administration *may* generate infectious aerosols, room should be closed for 1 hour before cleaning
2. **Healthcare worker PPE**
   1. All HCW should wear universal mask and eye protection for all patient encounters to prevent exposure.
      1. N95 respirators and goggles or face shield should be utilized for confirmed or suspected COVID-19 positive patients or family members
      2. When performing procedures that could produce expelled droplets of respiratory or oral secretions, or a gag or cough (such as immunizations, injections, oral examinations, or fluoride varnish applications), health care personnel may consider increasing their level of PPE including use of N95 respirator, gown and gloves.
      3. For all aerosol-generating procedures N95 respirator, eye protection, gown and gloves should be utilized
3. **Testing** 
   1. **Testing Onsite in Ambulatory Setting:** Testing can be performed in the ambulatory setting using midturbinate specimen collection.  These specimens should then be sent for in-house testing at SCHC.  Refer to process at genpeds.com. Refer to mid turbinate specimen collection procedure document in share drive under *Coronavirus n-2019*.
   2. **SCHC COVID-19 Testing Site:**Testing can be performed for anyone 6 months and older at the Personic health care COVID-19 community testing site located adjacent to the St. Chris parking garage. Hours of operation M-F 9a-5p and Sat 9a-1p. Patient are encouraged to pre-register at covidphila.com. Walk-ups will be accepted, dependent on availability.
   3. **Philadelphia COVID-19 Testing Sites:**Refer to the Philadelphia Department of Public Health website for other testing site options: <https://www.phila.gov/covid-testing-sites/#/>
   4. **Tower Health Urgent Care (THUC) COVID-19 Testing Sites**: Please refer to the St. Christopher’s Pediatric Associates Ambulatory COVID-19 Update emails for the latest updates on Tower COVID-19 testing sites