**Swab Squad – Fall 2021: Why???**

**Who am I seeing?**

Anyone who comes in asking just for COVID testing. Make sure they are aware their child is NOT being evaluated by a physician/NP. They are just getting COVID testing. If the child is sick and would like to see a physician/NP, they should be directed to register.

**How can families get results?**

* Please give them the handout for signing up for the portal. Please set expectation that this is how they will get results. Please note, the portal signup for children is still not available in Spanish, so although the actual portal can be translated to Spanish, not the forms to sign up your child. For this reason, we are not giving the Portal Signup instructions in Spanish (yet).
* Get a good phone number in case they aren’t signed up for the portal when you want to give results.
* Consider getting the fax number for the school if the family will need a letter (ask someone if you don’t know how to fax letters in EPIC or if you don’t know how to create a letter from your inbox that has the result built into it)
* Please remind them to call the clinic in 24 hours if they aren’t able to access results and haven’t heard from us.

**What forms and counseling should I give families?**

* COVID Testing Handout (English and Spanish; on GenPeds) – please write dates of isolation/quarantine for contingency of both a positive or negative result OR if negative but exposed and needs to quarantine
* Use the sheet to do counseling about isolation/ quarantine so you don’t need to do it when you call to give results.
* Give handout about signing up for Portal
* Give Priya’s COVID community resources handout and show families section about how to get vaccinated ☺

**How do I document?**

Orders Only🡪put covid order and write brief note. This is NOT a billable encounter. Please record their name/MRN and any other notes in the log sheet.

**Who follows up on results?**

Whoever sends the test is responsible to give results and document in EPIC (either through portal or calling family)

**Any new guidelines I should know?**

* **Quarantine rules if you are vaccinated?**
  + (following per CDC Website) If you’ve had [close contact](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact) with someone who has COVID-19, you should get tested 3-5 days after your exposure, even if you don’t have symptoms. You should also wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until your test result is negative. You should isolate for 10 days if your test result is positive.
* **What is the definition of a close contact?**
  + (following Per CDC Website) **Close Contact through**[**Proximity and Duration of Exposure**](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/sars-cov-2-transmission.html)**:**Someone who was within [6 feet of an infected person](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html#stay6ft) (laboratory-confirmed or a [clinically compatible illness](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html)) for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes). An infected person can spread SARS-CoV-2 starting from 2 days before they have any symptoms (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days before the positive specimen collection date), until they meet criteria for [discontinuing home isolation](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/duration-isolation.html).
* **Exception:** In the **K–12 indoor classroom** setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a [clinically compatible illness](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html)) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) [correctly and consistently](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/effective-masks.html) wore well-fitting [masks](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/cloth-face-cover.html) the entire time.

This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.