COVID-2019 POLICY STATEMENT

Patient Adherence to Quarantine and Isolation Orders

Goal: To ensure the safety of our patients and staff, reduce unnecessary transmission of COVID-19 while respecting patients' autonomy and needs.

Plan:

1. Managers/clinicians who identify COVID-19 positive/PUI patients on their units/emergency departments who are leaving their room/unit independently or intend to leave the facility against medical advice will facilitate a discussion between the patient and care team regarding the necessity to stay within the unit/room/emergency department during this public health crisis. An effort should be made to ascertain why the patient is leaving and address those needs in the treatment plan. The care team should attempt to obtain a verbal agreement with the patient to adhere to the plan. If the patient voices no interest in the plan, proceed to #3.

2. Options are offered to the patient as appropriate to the setting:
   a) nicotine replacement therapy,
   b) changes to diet,
   c) entertainment,
   d) Other services: SW, Psych, spiritual care, substance abuse disorder treatment, etc.

3. If Patients continue to leave the unit/room/emergency department despite efforts to change behavior, a multidisciplinary team will convene to review options to promote voluntary compliance with isolation recommendations or will discharge the patient with a treatment plan that is more preferable to the patient, including the following considerations:
   a) Prioritize inpatient discharges between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.
   b) Review the King County Public Health Order and Directive with patients
   c) Ask individuals if they have a home or alternative location to isolate or quarantine safely
   d) If an individual cannot safely self-isolate or self-quarantine, call the King County COVID-19 Call Center @ 206.477.3977 to request placement in an isolation and quarantine facility run by King County.

4. If all efforts to voluntary compliance with public health directives fail, the patient refuses to cooperate with safe placement efforts, and there is concern that the individual will come into close contact with others when they leave the facility, contact the King County COVID-19 Call Center @ 206.477.3977 and ask to speak with the Duty Officer for Isolation and Quarantine who is on duty 24/7.

References: