COVID-19 PAC Proposal

GOAL

- Decrease spread of communicable disease as a public health service.
- Decrease burden on local acute care hospitals, area clinics, and EMS services.

SCOPE

Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF)

INTERVENTION

1. **Initial Phase**: Testing of all symptomatic residents and staff by SNF personnel who have completed NP swab training
2. **Delayed Phase**: Since cases can emerge after testing, training SNF staff on infection control, providing protocols and supplies as needed.
3. **Surge Phase**: In the case that an outbreak occurs, activate “Drop Team” for further testing and triage to higher level of care as needed

Initial Phase Process Steps

1. Health System/Hospital/County Public Health Department/DOH to communicate plan for facility wide testing for symptomatic SNF residents and staff to assigned SNFs.
2. SNF to provide the following:
   - Information on number of residents and staff who are symptomatic and require testing.
   - Name and contact info for individual at SNF who will be primary point of contact for day of testing coordination.
   - Information about availability of supplies needed for testing. If supplies not available, “Drop team” will bring UTM vials (COVID test media), NP swabs, biohazard bags, PPE, labels.
3. Health System/Hospital to work with SNF to identify date and time of education, delivery of needed supplies, and additional support required. Health System/Hospital to coordinate with SNF to establish a schedule/appointment times to test symptomatic staff based on available testing personnel. SNF to identify testing area.
4. Determine testing work flow that best suits local community (i.e., orders, courier, resulting).
5. “Drop team” arrives at SNF on scheduled date/time with supplies, PPE, labels. “Drop Team” nurse trains designated SNF staff on NP swab and assists with testing symptomatic residents and subsequently symptomatic staff who arrive at scheduled time.
6. Samples taken by “Drop Team” to primary lab site to expedite processing.
7. Notification of results to local public health, SNF, and patient.

Delayed Phase Process Steps (focus is prevention, containment and clinical management)

See PAC COVID-19 Education & Prevention Proposal
Surge Phase Process Steps

1. Health System/Hospital/County Public Health Department/DOH of outbreak and need for “Drop Team” support for broad assessment and testing.
2. SNF to provide the following:
   a. Information on number of residents and staff who are symptomatic and require testing.
   b. Name and contact info for individual at SNF who will be primary point of contact for day of testing coordination.
   c. Information about availability of supplies needed for testing and if supplies not available, “Drop team” will bring UTM vials (COVID test media), NP swabs, biohazard bags, PPE, labels.
3. “Drop team” (physicians & nurses – team size determined by the potential number of PUIs) arrives at SNF with PPE & labels, works with identified coordinator at SNF move individuals through the testing.
4. “Drop Team” to partner with SNF Director of Nursing or other identified staff to aid sample collection.
5. Samples taken to primary lab site to expedite processing.
6. “Drop Team” physician evaluate and triage, work with DMCC for transfers as needed.
7. Notification of results to local public health, SNF, patient, and hospital for patients in acute care.

REQUESTED RESOURCES

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<td>Clinical Team: Physicians, Nurses</td>
<td>“Drop Team” assessment, triage, aid in care of patients in times of low SNF staffing. Consider volunteer pool.</td>
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<td>Contact Center</td>
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