

OFFICE OF ORIGIN: Perioperative Services**I. PURPOSE**

- A. To provide Standards of Practice (SOP) related to **asymptomatic patients with/out a negative test:**
- a. Within 4 days for outpatient.
 - b. Within 7 days for inpatients.
 - c. Asymptomatic patients who have recovered from COVID-19 during the last 90 days.

II. PROCEDURE

*Designated Isolation Area: Isolation Room, Free Operating Room or Procedure Room A at Moffitt Long (ECT/Cardioversion Procedure Room), Designated Droplet Isolation areas.

- a. [Appendix A](#) outlines where droplet isolation areas are located in the ML PACU.
- A. For asymptomatic patients who have a **negative COVID-19 RT-PCR** result as listed above and remain asymptomatic, we will go back to pre-COVID standards of care.
- B. All health care workers (HCWs) are required to wear a regular face mask and eye protection in Preop and PACU at all times (as per current [Universal Surgical Mask Policy](#)).
- C. All patients should wear a face mask in Preop and PACU. This is especially important when HCWs spend a significant amount of time in close proximity to the patient (e.g., placing an IV, shaving, chlorhexidine bath or performing a procedure like a nerve block).
- D. Keeping curtains drawn, continuous meticulous hand hygiene, and frequent surface disinfection should be reinforced in order to minimize exposure potential for staff and other patients in all perioperative areas.
- E. High-risk aerosol-generating medical procedures (HRAGPs), as specified in [Guidance for use of PPE for HRAGP](#) should best be avoided in an open PACU, this includes for patients who have tested negative. Ideally, these HRAGPs should be done in a *Designated Isolation Area. If the patient should be recovered in the OR, staff to follow [Procedure for recovering COVID+/PUI in the OR](#).
- F. If a patient undergoes deep extubation or deep sedation in the OR, the anesthesia providers should try to avoid bringing the patient to the open PACU, due to possible [HRAGP](#) interventions. The patient should be brought to the department's *Designated Isolation Area.
- G. If a patient needs to be re-intubated in PACU, depending on the urgency of the situation, it is best to move the patient into a *Designated Isolation Area. If the deterioration is

sudden, and patient is unstable to relocate to the *Designated Isolation Area follow proper HRAGP guidelines:

- a. Two experienced providers should don their PPE (including an N-95 mask and a face shield/ eye protection, or PAPR, gown and gloves) and perform the procedure with all the curtains drawn.
 - b. Staff and patients should be moved as far away as possible. Relocate patients to other bed spots if possible.
 - c. One person should stay available remotely in case extra help or equipment is needed.
- H. For the management of stool and vomit, standard precautions are to be followed, unless otherwise indicated.
- I. If a patient who has a procedure under general anesthesia outside the operating room (Non-Operating Room Anesthesia, NORA) and cannot be extubated at the end of the procedure, the team should plan to extubate the patient in a *Designated Isolation Area.
- a. The anesthesia team should contact the E1 attending as well as the PACU charge nurse to inquire about what is the best course of action.
- J. If a COVID-19+/ PUI needs an ambulatory procedure, the Preop should take place in a *Designated Isolation Area, except for a designated droplet location in the PACU that is in the open area. From there, the patient should be brought to a designated COVID-OR, where they have their procedure, and recovered in the OR or negative pressure room. At no time should such a patient be in the open PACU area, or any of the designated droplet locations.



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This document serves as a framework to develop site-specific Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for all Preop and PACU sites at UCSF Health. For these SOPs, the framework will have to be adjusted to the actual circumstances and availabilities at the respective site.

APPENDIX A

ML Preop/PACU Isolation

All isolation patients in PACU

1. Curtains must be pulled
2. Place patients in bed space indicated
3. Don appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
4. Hand hygiene required
5. If you have droplet isolation patient and there is excessive traffic or the patient is coughing, you can request that the patient wears a surgical mask

Type of Isolation

