It is imperative that we continue to provide necessary care for patients in our community in the most appropriate setting. This algorithm was developed based upon CDC guidelines, with input from the Infection Prevention Team at ChristianaCare. It will be updated and reposted on the ChristianaCare website, as conditions and clinical recommendations change.

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**Suggested Prenatal Triage Process for Community Practices**

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**Pregnant Patient Calls into practice**

**BASIC SYMPTOM CHECK**
Are you having ANY of the following?
- Fever
- New cough
- New shortness of breath

Yes ➔ **ASSESS ADDITIONAL TRAVEL / EXPOSURE RISK**
Any of the following in the last 14 days before symptom onset?
- Travel on cruise ship
- Travel to CDC level 3 travel advisory country
- Close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case
- COVID test positive or pending
- Under quarantine/self-isolation as directed by health dept

Yes ➔ **SUSPECTED SYMPTOMATIC COVID**
Triage any chronic conditions as usual
Treat empirically for flu, if clinically indicated (e.g. high risk patients). Flu testing will not be done at COVID testing site.

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**LOWER / MODERATE SUSPICION FOR COVID**
- Treat empirically for flu, if clinically indicated (e.g. high risk patients). Flu testing will not be done at COVID testing site.
- Use clinical judgement regarding COVID testing. AVOID testing with no fever and a predominance of upper respiratory symptoms like rhinorrhea, congestion, sore throat.

TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS
Providers should use clinical judgment and consider testing:
- Individuals with chronic health conditions, immunocompromise, etc.

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SELF CARE EDUCATION - example language below
“Corona virus is often hard to distinguish for other cold and flu symptoms. We may not always have access to testing, but testing does not change how we will immediately manage your care. We recommend caring for yourself at home in a similar manner to patients with Corona virus and therefore recommend you:

- Restrict activities outside your home.
- Avoid the ER and Medical Aid Units unless you are severely ill.
- Self-quarantine for 14 days (if able)
- Separate yourself from other people in your home
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid sharing household items like dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, bedding, or other items with other people in your home.
- Monitor your symptoms and contact us if your temperature rises or you develop shortness of breath.”