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Standing Order to Administer LifeSign Status COVID-19/Flu A&B Antigen Test

Purpose:

To enable Missouri facilities providing health care or health screenings to implement testing for symptomatic or asymptomatic staff, visitors, residents, students, vendors, clients and contractors in an effort to increase testing options available through use of the LifeSign Status COVID-19/Flu A&B Antigen Test. The LifeSign Status COVID-19/Flu A&B Antigen Test may be used to test symptomatic individuals for influenza and/or SARSCoV-2 or asymptomatic individuals considered a close contact of an individual with SARSCoV-2. The LifeSign Status COVID-19/Flu A&B Antigen Test may be used for screening of staff, visitors, residents, vendors, or contractors and if used in this manner, it is recommended to be used in a serial fashion according to current CDC recommendations to rule infection in or out. Symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza include but are not limited to new cough, difficulty breathing, fever ($\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$), congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, sore throat, headache, muscle or body aches, and fatigue. Persons who have been exposed to COVID infection and have symptoms of the disease but have negative LifeSign Status COVID-19/Flu A&B Antigen Test, should have additional testing done using different testing methods.

Policy:

This health order allows any facility staff person who

1. provides health care or health screenings, and
2. is designated as a test administrator by their respective agency, and
3. has successfully completed the required LifeSign on-line training for LifeSign Status COVID-19/Flu A&B Antigen Test administration.

to conduct sample collections of staff, visitors, students, vendors, clients or contractors in order to provide screening and diagnosis of Covid-19 and Influenza infections with quality assurance standards.

Procedure:

1. Evaluate individuals with the symptoms listed above for COVID-19 and/or Influenza in the past seven days.
2. Provide: "Status COVID-19/Flu A&B Fact Sheet For Patients".
3. Offer opportunity for questions.
4. Ensure permission has been obtained.
5. Administer the test pursuant to the Product Insert and Procedure Card.
6. Document
 - a. Date, time, location of test
 - b. Name, title, and professional license number of person administering the test
 - c. Name of test and manufacturer lot and number
 - d. Results of the test
 - e. Presenting symptoms
 - f. Verification of signed consent form
7. Submit the required data and all test results via secure file transfer protocol in accordance with the procedure specified by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) within twenty-four hours of each test's administration.
8. Immediately notify the individual tested of their result and implement appropriate control measures accordingly.
9. Refer individuals with positive tests to call their medical provider for further clinical advice or if they do not have their own medical provider to seek care at an urgent care or other healthcare facility.

This order and procedure shall remain in effect until rescinded or until December 31, 2024.

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