

General X-ray on suspected or confirmed COVID-19 inpatients and ED patients



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COVID - 19

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Background

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic general x-rays for Inpatients and Emergency patients that are suspected COVID-19 or positive COVID-19 will have all their general x-rays done portably.

Goal

The goal is ensure that Radiology does not see patients in the department for general x-ray that are COVID-19 positive, thus preventing the risk of spread of infection.

Process

1. Inpatient/ ED patient General X-rays will be ordered using EMR using the normal process.
2. The patient's suspected COVID-19 or COVID-19 positive status needs to be indicated on the request.
3. Discussion with the Radiographer to alert patient priority.
4. Imaging staff will come to the ward, ICU or ED to do the imaging portably.
5. Ward/ICU Patients with suspected or confirmed Covid-19 will need to be on disposable hovermats.
6. If the x-ray cannot be done portably then suspected COVID-19 and confirmed COVID-19 patients will be imaged in a dedicated room with Terminal COVID-19 Cleaning post examination. Please refer to the Environmental Cleaning & Disinfection-Terminal Clean QRG on the COVID-19 [microsite](#).