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Pre-Submitted Questions

What are the most salient points for dental to be aware of during a survey?

https://www.jointcommission.org/covid-19/

COVID-19 exposure control in dialysis facilities?


Strategies to Optimize the Supply of PPE and Equipment

Updated: May 18, 2020

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is used every day by healthcare personnel (HCP) to protect themselves, patients, and others when providing care. PPE helps protect HCP from potentially infectious patients and materials, toxic medications, and other potentially dangerous substances used in healthcare delivery.

PPE shortages are currently posing a tremendous challenge to the U.S. healthcare system because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Healthcare facilities are having difficulty accessing the needed PPE and are having to identify alternate ways to provide patient care.

Surge capacity refers to the ability to manage a sudden, unexpected increase in patient volume that would otherwise severely challenge or exceed the present capacity of a facility. While there are no commonly accepted measurements or triggers to distinguish surge capacity from daily patient care capacity, surge capacity is a useful framework to approach a decreased supply of PPE during

Eye Protection
Isolation Gowns
Gloves
Facemasks
N95 Respirators
Powered Air Purifying Respirators

### Assessed Risk = Resources Needed

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* Additional PPE as required by Standard and Transmission based Precautions

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<td>Their condition deteriorate and could be harmed by additional delays. There is no strict definition of elective surgery. However, if the care team thinks that a delay in a patient’s surgery could cause harm, we would not consider that elective. This is consistent with the position of The American College of Surgeons: “It is not possible to define the medical urgency of a case solely on whether a case is on an elective surgery schedule. While some cases can be postponed indefinitely, the vast majority of the cases performed are associated with progressive disease (such has cancer, vascular disease and organ failure) that will continue to progress at variable, disease-specific rates.” One strategy for prioritizing resumption of surgical cases is presented in Joint Statement: Roadmap for Resuming Elective Surgery after COVID-19 Pandemic. This collaborative effort between the American College of Surgeons, American Society of Anesthesiologists, Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, and the American Hospital Association recommends a multidisciplinary committee to prioritize</td>
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What are the best practices for in-person visit screenings?

Room Turnover

- Considerations
  - Size of room?
  - Number of air exchanges/hour?
  - Length of time patient was in room?
  - Patient coughing/sneezing?
  - Patient wearing face covering?
  - Aerosol generating procedure?
  - PPE worn?

The number of air changes per hour (ACH) and time and efficiency.

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Looking for more information on CMS 1135 Waivers?

Accredited organizations can learn more by visiting Resources and Tools > Tools > Learn More in their Joint Commission Connect® extranet site.
COVID-19 Resources

What Your Organization Needs to Know About the Coronavirus

Trusted Guidance. Trusted Resources.

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Thank You

We support your efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and hope to provide helpful resources.
Resources

- COVID Resources
  - https://www.jointcommission.org/covid-19/
- Standards Interpretation
  - https://www.jointcommission.org/standards/standard-faqs/