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Pre-Submitted Questions

How long will these waivers be in effect for? Until state/federal emergency is over?
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If we are opening an alternative care site for patients who are COVID (+) but don’t require hospital care and want to extend our CLIA waived testing at that site, is the process any different during a time of emergency?
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Are 1135 waivers applicable to Veteran Healthcare Administration hospitals? Under what circumstances would the VA be exempted?
Pre-Submitted Questions

Has there been an extension allowed for scheduled equipment maintenance (e.g., annual microscope maintenance)? If not, what are the proper guidelines for allowing vendors back into the laboratory to perform necessary equipment maintenance and services?
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What documents would you suggest be available for upcoming survey related to COVID-19 and preparedness?
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Advise on expected standard changes for the use of civil EUA tests.
Pre-Submitted Questions

If there is a problem with COVID-19 testing that we are now performing under the EUA, do we only contact the manufacturer technical representative or do we also contact the FDA on complaints? Or is the manufacturer contacting the FDA already?
Explain IQCP for BioFire EUA COVID testing. It’s hard to collect a lot of data in the short time span of kits being available only to have them convert to the single COVID test to the Respiratory Panel.
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Since tests are in short supply, can a lab use an abbreviated validation when bringing testing into their lab to conserve tests for patient use?
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What are the Proficiency Testing requirements for the COVID-19 test that is EUA? Also, is proficiency testing required for in-house COVID testing? If it is not required right now, when will it be required?
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Is there a regulation for who may swab patients using an NP swab? I have always been taught that only RN’s can do an NP swab but that MT/MLT’s can do throat or nare swabs.
Is FDA authorization needed if planning to do COVID testing as in-house test, if the manufacturer of the machine was already approved for EUA?
Is the Abbott testing considered CLIA waived?
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Are there any extensions to requirements such as calibration, verification, instrument comparison, competencies, etc?
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What will be the impact of COVID to the TJC LAB survey process?
Pre-Submitted Questions

When surveys start back up for laboratories, will they be scheduled ahead of time or will additional avoid dates be allowed?
Pre-Submitted Questions

When will surveys be resumed?
Pre-Submitted Questions

For organizations that are past due for their Lab survey, will you be contacting the organization in advance to determine current cases and appropriateness of survey re-start dates?
Pre-Submitted Questions

How will survey windows be impacted by this?
Pre-Submitted Questions

Has TJC issued any modifications to the frequency of fire drills during this pandemic?
Pre-Submitted Questions

What mask should the laboratory staff use for PPE?
Pre-Submitted Questions

Is there a standard that requires temperature screening for hospital staff and visitors?
Pre-Submitted Questions

What test is recommended for patients who go to the operating room? PCR or serological test?
Pre-Submitted Questions

We have had to do some annual training virtually, will this be acceptable for sterilization training?
Talk about how to transport these patients to procedural areas around the hospital, what PPE does the employee and patient wear?
Pre-Submitted Questions

Is there a requirement to keep a COVID-19 screening log of all visitors and staff?
Pre-Submitted Questions

When disinfecting the IVF lab, can we recommend that the UV lamp of the laminar flow hood to be turned on between each procedure?
Pre-Submitted Questions

Do you consider COVID-19 blood to be aerosolized for the lab?
Pre-Submitted Questions

What is the predicted timeline on the continuance of screening everyone coming into the hospital and other clinical settings?
Pre-Submitted Questions

Can you provide some guidance regarding use and reuse of laboratory PPE for the COVID-19?
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/