Pre-Procedure COVID-19 Testing for Labor & Delivery Patients

Patient has Procedure Scheduled in Labor & Delivery (i.e. Cesarean Section, External Cephalic Version, Cerclage, Induction of Labor, etc.)

Scheduler reminds OB Clinic/Provider at the time of Scheduling that the patient must have COVID-19 Testing on an Outpatient basis 24-72 hours prior to Procedure

At Least 72 Hours Prior to Scheduled Procedure
Primary OB Provider/Clinic Orders the Routine COVID-19 Outpatient test and calls patient to instruct them to have the test performed at least 24 hours before procedure at the Galvez drive-thru testing site (see attached Tip Sheet for ordering)
Galvez Clinic Staff will call the patient to schedule a time for testing
Inpatient – OB to order Routine COVID-19 Test 24-72 hours prior to Procedure

24 Hours Prior to Scheduled Procedure
L&D RN calls patient to provide pre-procedure instructions and confirms that COVID-19 Testing has been performed

COVID-19 Test is Negative
OB Provider/Clinic notifies Patient
Patients comes to L&D as scheduled for procedure
RN verifies COVID test result available in chart
Routine PPE practices

COVID-19 Test is Positive
OB Provider notifies Patient
If Procedure is medically necessary, OB Provider/Clinic notifies RSN of Patient’s Positive COVID-19 test and the date of Scheduled Procedure
RSN notifies OB Anesthesia of Incoming COVID-19+ patient

Test has not been performed > 24 hours prior to procedure
Instruct patient to arrive 3 hours prior to Scheduled Procedure
Rapid COVID-19 Test ordered by OB Provider and performed Pre-Op
Asymptomatic Patients - not considered PUI while awaiting COVID results. Use private room and Standard PPE
Procedure may be delayed by OB or Anesthesia provider, in some cases, until results available

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**Emergent procedure for asymptomatic patients or PUI must not be delayed due to lack of test results**

*These resources were shared by a hospital that performs universal testing of mothers presenting to labor & delivery, regardless of symptoms.