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| Provision of Medically Necessary Consultant Services During COVID-19 Pandemic |  |  |
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**POLICY**:

It is the policy of this facility to provide medically necessary services to residents while ensuring the prevention and control of infection is prioritized to ensure resident safety and well-being. The facility IDT Team will review with resident/resident representative any specialty service request and defer as necessary non urgent consultant services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**PROCEDURE**:

1. The Primary physician will assess and order any medically necessary consults including dental, podiatry, Psychiatry, Psychology, or any other consult needed for resident clinical needs.
2. The Primary physician in conjunction with Medical Director will determine if any consultant visit can be done via Telehealth. The facility will optimize telehealth services where possible.
3. All consultants require weekly COVID-19 testing, according to Governor Executive Order.

* Designated Phase 1 Facility - If the consultant is at facility greater than 3 days per week, he/she must be swabbed biweekly for COVID testing. If Consultant is in facility three days or less he/she must be swabbed once per week for COVID Testing.
* Designated Phase 2 Facility - Consultant must be swabbed once per week, (If they come to the facility weekly).
* Upon entering the facility, Consultant may submit proof/results that the required weekly COVID testing was done in another facility.
* Consultant will be notified if he/she has positive test results. If positive, Consultant may not return to facility for 14 days, if asymptomatic and submits a negative COVID test.

1. Consultant(s) will meet with the Infection Preventionist as needed to ensure Facility Infection policies and procedures are understood and adhered to.
2. Consultant will be screened and respond to questionnaire prior to entering facility. If consultant has temperature of 100 or any respiratory symptom, they will not be permitted to enter facility.
3. A Facility Staff member will accompany/assist Consultant performing tasks (not including psychologist) as needed.
4. Consultant(s) can only provide services on COVID-19 negative units or in designated Medical offices.
5. All Facility cleaning and disinfection practices will be conducted in between each resident treatment as per Facility P/P.
6. Consultant will submit guidance for cleaning and disinfection procedure for any equipment utilized.
7. Consultant must follow strict hand hygiene.
8. Consultant will always wear mask upon entering facility and while in the facility.
9. Required PPE such as gloves, gown, or eye protection to be used according to Infection Control policy.
10. Dental, Ophthalmology and Podiatry may have equipment that warrant specific infection control procedures and need to submit specific procedure for COVID-19 the cleaning and disinfecting of equipment.

<https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/infectioncontrol/statement-COVID.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/long-term-care.html>