

NYSNA Recommendations and Resources for Reopening during COVID-19
Hemodialysis Settings: NYSNAs Nursing Education & Practice and Health & Safety



Unit	Pre-Screening	Criteria for Testing	Unit Modifications	PPE	Cleaning	Visitor Access	RN to Patient Ratio
Hemodialysis	<p>Patients should call ahead if they have any of the following symptoms to determine if they should come for treatment or not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough • Sore throat • Chills • Repeated shaking with chills • Muscle pain • Headache • Loss of taste or smell • Contact with someone known to have COVID-19 • Fever of 100 F • Shortness of breath 	<p>PUI's should be prioritized for testing.</p> <p>If patient presents with any of the following they should be tested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough • Sore throat • Chills • Repeated shaking with chills • Muscle pain • Headache • Loss of taste or smell • Contact with someone known to have COVID-19 • Fever of 100 F • Shortness of breath 	<p>Chairs should be 6 feet apart.</p> <p>Patients should wait in their care until it is their turn to be seated.</p> <p>Hepatitis B isolation room should be used for PUI's or confirmed COVID patients. If no separate room is available, patients who are PUI or positive should be treated at the end of the shift or should be treated at the end of row station.</p> <p>Where ever possible, place tissues, hand sanitizer and waste receptacle close to patient.</p>	<p>N95's with eye protection, or higher (personal glasses or contacts not adequate). Gloves, isolation gown.</p> <p>For the patient: Surgical masks</p>	<p>Hand hygiene by using ABHR with 60-95% alcohol or washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.</p> <p>Use EPA approved emerging viral pathogen cleansers.</p> <p>Clean and disinfect all dialysis stations before and after all treatments.</p> <p>Sanitize all high touch surfaces.</p> <p>Disposable medical supplies should be discarded not reused.</p>	<p>No visitors</p> <p>Patient's family or friend should wait in the car instead of waiting room to take patient home.</p>	<p>1:3-4 Nurse to patient ratio</p>

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			Home dialysis visits should be restricted, if possible, or where necessary staff should be provided with and wear N95 respirator and other required PPE.				
	Resources: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/dialysis.html https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2845981/						