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

Unit	Pre-Screening	Criteria for Testing	Unit Modifications	PPE	Cleaning	Visitor Access	RN to Patient Ratio
Peri-operative	Consider use of telemedicine for prescreening data collection. CDC recommended test-based strategy i. Resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications; and, ii. Improvement in respiratory symptoms; and, iii. Negative results from two SARS-CoV-2 tests ≥ 24 hours apart CDC non-test based strategy i. At least 72 hours since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms; and, ii. At least 7 days since symptoms first appeared.	Exposure to someone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days; or, Unexplained fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and/or new loss of taste or smell within the prior two weeks.	Patients to be kept in isolation room until transferred to the OR. For OR procedure, negative pressure isolation room with minimum of 12 air exchanges per hour. Temporary conversion of otherwise positive pressure OR's into negative pressure with independent provision for air conditioning and humidification. Two adjacent OR's with one being utilized for the procedure and the other as anteroom for staff to wear and dispose of all PPE.	Because false-negatives may occur with testing, droplet precaution (Surgical mask and eye covering) should be used by OR staff for operative cases. Before performing an aerosol-generating procedure, health care providers within the room should wear an N95 mask, eye protection, gloves and a gown.	Surface disinfectants (quaternary ammonium compound with alcohol), ultra violet light, alcohol-based hand rubs on IV pole, double glove, maintain clean and dirty areas, decolonize patients using pre-procedural chlorhexidine wipes, two doses of nasal povidone iodine within one hour of incision and chlorhexidine mouth rinse.	Implement social distancing policy for visitors that meets the then-current local and national recommendations for community isolation practices.	1 (one) Perioperative RN circulator per patient present during entire intraoperative timeline

Resources:
https://www.asahq.org/about-asa/newsroom/news-releases/2020/04/asa-and-apsf-joint-statement-on-perioperative-testing-for-the-covid-19-virus
https://www.asahq.org/about-asa/newsroom/news-releases/2020/04/joint-statement-on-elective-surgery-after-covid-19-pandemic
https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32217947/
https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7189905/

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