



EMERGENCY POLICY

SINGLE PHYSICIAN/LIP EXAMINER FOR COVID-19 PATIENTS

Effective November 18, 2020, at 6:00 a.m., all COVID-19 patients admitted to St. Joseph's Health shall be examined by one physician/LIP per day.

All other physicians/LIPs involved in daily care of the COVID-19 patient shall acknowledge the examiner's physical findings in their progress note, **but should not physically visit/examine the patient.**

Why is this being done?

- *Increasing COVID-19 Census*
- *Increased PPE burn in system- with looming SURGE ahead of us.*
- *Mitigation of overall staff exposure*

**The physicians/LIPs caring for the COVID-19 patient may determine the daily designated examiner. The goal is one examiner per day (any specialty as long as agreed upon).*

**The exception to this policy is when a history and physical is performed and a secondary visit for follow up occurs in less than 24 hours.*

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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