COVID-19 positive/High Clinical Suspicion admissions at UTMC

Effective immediately- 6/8/2021

1. Admissions:
   - Will go to a negative pressure room on the appropriate unit/level of care.
     A. Stepdown 3109, 3111
     B. ICU 3223, 3225, 3227, 3229
   - Surge COVID Unit 3D
     A. 3176, 3177, 3178, 3179, 3180, 3188, 3189

2. Follow all isolation procedures for COVID-19.
   - Use proper donning/Doffing, N95 masks, Eye protection

3. Nurse assigned can care for normal assignment.
   - Manage assignments to avoid caregiver from caring for another immune compromised patient (e.g., chemo)
   - Minimize number of staff caring for patient in isolation
   - Ensure assigned nurse was mask fit tested and had COVID-19 PPE training

4. Opening the Surge COVID Unit, at the discretion of the CNO/ House Supervisors.
   - Reasons:
     A. Unable to admit COVID-19 patients due to lack of available negative pressure rooms
     B. Surge of COVID-19 positive patients in our community requiring hospitalization