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REVISED COVID-19 Guidance on Screening and Visitation at Ambulatory Surgical Centers:

Authority:

- [Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) in Outpatient Settings: FAQs and Considerations \(QSO-20-22-ASC, CORF, CMHC, OPT, RHC/FQHCs\)](#)
- [Oregon Executive Order 20-22](#) and [ORS 441.025](#)

Applicability: This guidance applies to Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs).

I. Screening

Facilities subject to this guidance shall adopt and enforce policies and procedures that require the *screening* of all individuals including but not limited to all facility staff and health care personnel before entry. Screening policies and procedures must comply with the [CMS Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) by in Outpatient Settings: FAQs and Considerations](#).

In lieu of screening outside medical personnel and emergency responders upon entry to a facility, the facility may meet the screening requirement by accepting documentation from an employer of outside medical personnel or emergency responders that indicates all employees are screened before the beginning of every shift using criteria that are at least as stringent as those required by the facility.

II. Education and Signage

In addition to the Guidance from CMS regarding screening and entry and the Title VI language access requirements, facilities subject to this guidance must:

- Provide education to individuals seeking entry to the facility regarding:
 - Hand hygiene: before entering a patient room and after leaving a patient room, individuals shall wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, or clean hands with alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
 - Avoidance of face touching.
 - Use of good respiratory etiquette: covering coughs and sneezes with the elbow and proper use and disposal of tissue.

- Appropriate personal protective equipment use.
- Require appropriate signage regarding visitation and screening protocols and provide this information to individuals seeking entry to the facility, including a link to the hospital's grievance procedures if an individual believes they are inappropriately being restricted from the facility.

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