INFECTIOUS DISEASE/PANDEMIC EMERGENCY
POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

SUBJECT: Medical Consultations

POLICY: To define the policies and procedures for external consultants to perform medically necessary visits during the infectious disease/pandemic emergency.

PROCEDURE:

1. Consults will be performed bedside to eliminate unnecessary transport of residents throughout the facility as appropriate.
2. The physician will approve all consults that require the resident to go outside the facility to ensure medically necessity at this time.
3. Consults can be completed via telemedicine as applicable.
4. Consultants will use PPE as appropriate for the site of care.
   a. Face masks will be worn at all times while within the facility and other PPE as appropriate for the indicated examination.
   b. PPE (i.e. N-95 mask, surgical over-mask, eye protection, gown and gloves) will be worn when providing consults on any resident with infectious illness as per CDC and NYSDOH guidelines.
5. Routine consults on residents with or suspected to have infectious disease during the pandemic, or residents on quarantine, will be deferred until the resident is cleared and transferred off the unit or the entire unit’s restrictions are lifted.
6. Pacemaker checks will be performed at the resident’s bedside.