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Demanding Preparedness from Hospitals

To ensure the safety and health of staff, patients, and the New York community, every healthcare facility in New York must take the following safety measures to prepare for COVID Resurgence. These detailed Environmental Control standards are a part of the broader **NYSNA COVID Resurgence Plan**, available online at **nysna.org/resurgence**

Stopping COVID from Spreading Outside Our Hospitals' Doors

1. **Cohorting of all COVID-positive patients in separate units** with enhanced PPE standards is essential. Access controls will be established to ensure efficient cohorting of walk-ins.

2. **The employer will establish a Command Center Hotline** to immediately address all COVID-related policies and immediately remedy concerns such as PPE replacement issues, visitation violations, or patient masking violations. The virus won't be contained without instant fixes.

3. **The facility must implement accurate COVID diagnostic testing for all patients and visitors**, and have readily available **on-demand diagnostic testing for staff** on all shifts.

4. **The facility must implement aggressive contact tracing protocols for all patients and employees** who test positive for COVID and deploy them immediately after any positive test result. The hospital needs to hire tracer staff immediately to be prepared.

5. **The facility must implement ongoing hands-on Health and Safety training** and education for frontline staff on all COVID-related issues as the situation and recommendations evolve.