



Policy and Procedure

Title: Admissions during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Policy

To ensure compliance with CDC guidelines when admitting or readmitting residents to the facility.

Procedure

1. When an admission with a negative COVID-19 status transfers from a hospital, community setting, or LTC facility to a negative facility the following is required:
 - A. One negative nasopharyngeal gold standard* COVID test.
 - i. Resident must have been swabbed and results received within 48 hours prior to admission
 - B. Copy of the lab result
 - C. Monitoring on OBS Unit for 15 days

Please note: An admission from a positive LTC facility to a negative LTC facility is prohibited even if the prospective resident tests negative

2. When an admission with a negative COVID-19 status transfers from a hospital, community setting, or long term care facility to a positive facility the following is required:
 - A. Facility COVID-19 status must be disclosed to resident or responsible party if the resident is negative for COVID-19
 - B. One negative nasopharyngeal gold standard* COVID test.
 - i. Resident must have been swabbed and results received within 48 hours prior to admission
 - C. Monitoring on OBS Unit for 15 days
 - i. Properly cohort after 15 days of observation
3. When an admission with a positive COVID-19 status transfers from a hospital, community setting, or long term care facility to a positive facility the following is required:
 - A. Copy of lab results
 - B. Cohort with positive or recovering residents and monitor
4. When an admission who has recovered from COVID-19 transfers from a hospital, community setting, or long term care facility to a positive facility the following is required:
 - A. Two negative nasopharyngeal gold standard* COVID tests collected ≥ 24 hours apart. Resident must have been swabbed and results received within 48 hours prior to admission
 - B. Copy of the lab results
 - C. Monitoring on OBS Unit for 15 days
 - i. Properly cohort after 15 days of observation

Please note: An admission who has recovered from COVID-19 is may only be admitted to a positive facility.

*Gold standard = No false positive but a possibility of a false negative result

Attachments: Admission Guidance

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Admission Guidance

Negative Facility

		Transferring From:	
		Hospital or Community	LTC Facility
Admission's COVID-19 Status	<p>Category 1 Patients with no clinical concern for COVID-19</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p> <p>Requirement(for an added layer of protection):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One negative nasopharyngeal gold standard* COVID test. Resident must have been swabbed and results received within 48 hours prior to admission <p>Upon admission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Place on OBS Unit for 15 days and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor for fever & respiratory symptoms once per shift Limit contact with other residents as much as possible. Limit the number of different staff interacting with a resident as much as possible and limit the number of times each staff enters a resident's room Place in contact precautions per CDC guidance based on new Strategies to optimize PPE supplies. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p> <p>Requirement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discharging LTC facility must have a negative COVID status One negative nasopharyngeal gold standard* COVID test. Resident must have been swabbed and results received within 48 hours prior to admission (for an added layer of protection) <p>Upon admission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Place on OBS Unit for 15 days and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor for fever & respiratory symptoms once per shift Limit contact with other residents as much as possible. Limit the number of different staff interacting with a resident as much as possible and limit the number of times each staff enters a resident's room Place in contact precautions per CDC guidance based on new Strategies to optimize PPE supplies.
	<p>Category 2 Patients investigated for possible COVID-19, but negative testing</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p> <p>Requirement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One negative nasopharyngeal gold standard* COVID test. Resident must have been swabbed and results received within 48 hours prior to admission <p>Upon admission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Place on OBS Unit for 15 days and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor for fever & respiratory symptoms once per shift Limit contact with other residents as much as possible. Limit the number of different staff interacting with a resident as much as possible and limit the number of times each staff enters a resident's room Place in contact precautions per CDC guidance based on new Strategies to optimize PPE supplies. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes</p> <p>Requirement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One negative nasopharyngeal gold standard* COVID test. Resident must have been swabbed and results received within 48 hours prior to admission Discharging LTC facility must have a negative COVID status. <p>Upon admission:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Place on OBS Unit for 15 days and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor for fever & respiratory symptoms once per shift Limit contact with other residents as much as possible. Limit the number of different staff interacting with a resident as much as possible and limit the number of times each staff enters a resident's room Place in contact precautions per CDC guidance based on new Strategies to optimize PPE supplies.
	<p>Category 3 Patients under investigation for COVID-19, but test results pending</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>
	<p>Category 4 Patients positive for COVID-19 testing</p>	<p>No</p> <p>This includes residents who are deemed recovered by CDC guidelines (2 negative tests)</p>	<p>No</p> <p>This includes residents who are deemed recovered by CDC guidelines (2 negative tests)</p>

Positive / Recovered Facility

		Transferring From:	
		Hospital or Community	LTC Facility
Admission's COVID-19 Status	Category 1 Patients with no clinical concern for COVID-19	Yes Requirement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proper disclosure 2. One negative nasopharyngeal gold standard* COVID test. Resident must have been swabbed and results received within 48 hours prior to admission 3. Copy of lab result Upon admission: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place on OBS Unit for 15 days and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Monitor for fever & respiratory symptoms once per shift b. Limit contact with other residents as much as possible. c. Limit the number of different staff interacting with a resident as much as possible and limit the number of times each staff enters a resident's room d. Place in contact precautions per CDC guidance based on new Strategies to optimize PPE supplies. 	Yes Requirement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proper disclosure 2. One negative nasopharyngeal gold standard* COVID test. Resident must have been swabbed and results received within 48 hours prior to admission 3. Copy of lab result Upon admission: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place on OBS Unit for 15 days and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Monitor for fever & respiratory symptoms once per shift b. Limit contact with other residents as much as possible. c. Limit the number of different staff interacting with a resident as much as possible and limit the number of times each staff enters a resident's room d. Place in contact precautions per CDC guidance based on new Strategies to optimize PPE supplies.
	Category 2 Patients investigated for possible COVID-19, but negative testing	Yes Requirement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proper disclosure 2. One negative nasopharyngeal gold standard* COVID test. Resident must have been swabbed and results received within 48 hours prior to admission 3. Copy of lab result Upon admission: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place on OBS Unit for 15 days and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Monitor for fever & respiratory symptoms once per shift b. Limit contact with other residents as much as possible. c. Limit the number of different staff interacting with a resident as much as possible and limit the number of times each staff enters a resident's room d. Place in contact precautions per CDC guidance based on new Strategies to optimize PPE supplies. 	Yes Requirement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proper disclosure 2. One negative nasopharyngeal gold standard* COVID test. Resident must have been swabbed and results received within 48 hours prior to admission 3. Copy of lab result Upon admission: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place on OBS Unit for 15 days and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Monitor for fever & respiratory symptoms once per shift b. Limit contact with other residents as much as possible. c. Limit the number of different staff interacting with a resident as much as possible and limit the number of times each staff enters a resident's room d. Place in contact precautions per CDC guidance based on new Strategies to optimize PPE supplies.
	Category 3 Patients under investigation for COVID-19, but test results pending	No	No

Positive / Recovered Facility Continued

		Transferring From:	
		Hospital or Community	LTC Facility
Admission's COVID-19 Status	Category 4 Patients positive for COVID-19 testing	Yes Requirement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A separate wing/unit or floor has been created to accept patients. This may mean moving residents in facility to create a new unit/floor. Limit staff working between units as much as possible 2. Copy of lab results 3. Cohort with positive or recovering residents Upon admission: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor for fever & respiratory symptoms once per shift 2. Limit contact with other residents as much as possible. 3. Limit the number of different staff interacting with a resident as much as possible and limit the number of times each staff enters a resident's room 4. Place in contact precautions per CDC guidance based on new Strategies to optimize PPE supplies. <p style="text-align: center;">FACILITY MUST HAVE ADEQUATE STAFFING LEVELS AND PPE TO MANAGE COVID POSITIVE RESIDENTS</p>	Yes Requirement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A separate wing/unit or floor has been created to accept patients. This may mean moving residents in facility to create a new unit/floor. Limit staff working between units as much as possible 2. Copy of lab results 3. Cohort with positive or recovering residents Upon admission: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor for fever & respiratory symptoms once per shift 2. Limit contact with other residents as much as possible. 3. Limit the number of different staff interacting with a resident as much as possible and limit the number of times each staff enters a resident's room 4. Place in contact precautions per CDC guidance based on new Strategies to optimize PPE supplies. <p style="text-align: center;">FACILITY MUST HAVE ADEQUATE STAFFING LEVELS AND PPE TO MANAGE COVID POSITIVE RESIDENTS</p>
	Category 4 Patients recovered from COVID-19	Yes Requirement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two negative nasopharyngeal gold standard* COVID tests collected ≥ 24 hours apart. Resident must have been swabbed and results received within 48 hours prior to admission 2. Copy of lab results Upon Admission: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place on OBS Unit for 15 days and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Monitor for fever & respiratory symptoms once per shift b. Limit contact with other residents as much as possible. c. Limit the number of different staff interacting with a resident as much as possible and limit the number of times each staff enters a resident's room d. Place in contact precautions per CDC guidance based on new Strategies to optimize PPE supplies. <p style="text-align: center;">FACILITY MUST HAVE ADEQUATE STAFFING LEVELS AND PPE TO MANAGE COVID POSITIVE RESIDENTS</p>	Yes Requirement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two negative nasopharyngeal gold standard* COVID tests collected ≥ 24 hours apart. Resident must have been swabbed and results received within 48 hours prior to admission 2. Copy of lab results Upon Admission: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place on OBS Unit for 15 days and <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Monitor for fever & respiratory symptoms once per shift b. Limit contact with other residents as much as possible. c. Limit the number of different staff interacting with a resident as much as possible and limit the number of times each staff enters a resident's room d. Place in contact precautions per CDC guidance based on new Strategies to optimize PPE supplies. <p style="text-align: center;">FACILITY MUST HAVE ADEQUATE STAFFING LEVELS AND PPE TO MANAGE COVID POSITIVE RESIDENTS</p>