

## COVID-19 Isolation Practices and Testing

<b>Symptomatic</b>			
Ensure patient masking at all times when providing care			
	Isolation Precautions Pending Results	COVID-19 Testing Results	Precautions/Practices Based on Testing Results
<b>Admitted with recent + COVID test (within <u>20 days</u> from outside facility)</b>	Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions	Reported by patient as positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Positive home antigen tests must be confirmed via testing algorithm</b></li> <li>• If a reliable historian can provide <b>date</b> and <b>location</b> of positive test result from a healthcare facility, LIP will document. Consider patient as positive and ask IC to confirm with department of health (leave a voicemail if after hours)</li> <li>• If no reliable historian, perform a COVID test using the testing algorithm</li> </ul>
<b>Admitted with known recovery from COVID-19 in past <u>90 days</u></b>	Contact and Droplet Precautions	Obtain RP-2 to assess for other viruses	Maintain precautions until results if other diagnostic tests are final. Consult Infection Control as needed.
<b>On admission, regardless of vaccination status</b>	Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions	Positive	Maintain Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions
	Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions	Negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain RP-2 to assess for other viruses.</li> </ul>
<b>ED visit only</b>	Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions	If tested, home without results	Disinfect room
<b>Acute Care Outpatient visit</b>	Mask patient; provider wears appropriate PPE	If tested, home without results	Disinfect room
<b>Any patient refusing testing</b>	Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions	N/A	Maintain Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions and continue to encourage testing

*\*Note - Test for cure is not typically recommended. Patients may intermittently test PCR positive for weeks to months*

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<b>Asymptomatic</b> <b>Ensure patient masking at all times when providing care</b>			
	Isolation Precautions Pending Results	COVID-19 Test Results	Precautions/Practices Based on Testing Results
Admitted with known recovery from COVID-19 in past <b>90 days</b>	None	No COVID-19 test required	No isolation unless indicated for other reasons
On admission, regardless of vaccination status (i.e. tested for BHU, rehab, or transfer to LTC)	None	Positive	<u>Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If patient states recent positive, maintain precautions and contact infection control. May require a 2<sup>nd</sup> test in 24 hours (not an RP2).</li> </ul>
		Negative	No isolation unless indicated for other reasons
ED visit only	Follow Standard Precautions		
Acute Care Outpatient visit	None	N/A	Ensure masking of patient during entire visit. If unable to mask, follow instructions in Source Control Policy