

Lifespan Algorithm for All Admitted Patients With or Without Symptoms

Symptomatic = cough, fever, congestion, sore throat, shortness of breath

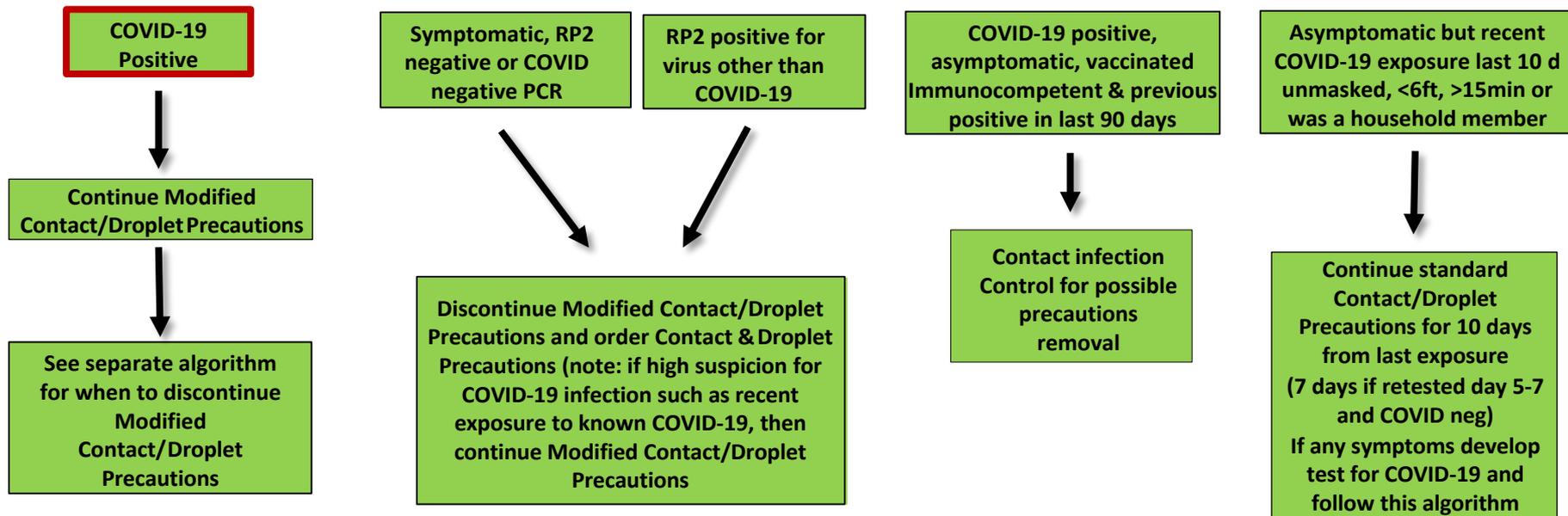
Note: COVID-19 can also present w/other symptoms: loss of or reduced smell and/or taste, or GI symptoms-nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

All patients should be masked, if unable to do so ask to cover their mouth with facial tissue, hands cleaned with Purell

If symptomatic initiate Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions (N95, eye protection, gown & gloves)
and give mask to patient to wear when anyone enters room

*****All patients being admitted whether asymptomatic or symptomatic and regardless of vaccine status require testing;
Symptomatic patients order Respiratory Pathogen Panel 2 (RP2; includes COVID-19; does not include pertussis)
Asymptomatic order non-rapid COVID-19 PCR and maintain standard precautions (mask and eye protection)**

For any patient requiring an aerosol-generating procedure (AGP): Place in negative-pressure room if available, if not available, use a portable HEPA filter (priority for patients with confirmed COVID-19 receiving an AGP); wear gown, gloves and use a CAPR or N95 and eye protection



Patients admitted with symptoms of respiratory viral infection and who have *positive* testing for influenza or SARS Co-V2 (ie, COVID-19) should be in a private room; if cohorting necessary, cohort with a patient who has positive testing for the same virus. Patients with confirmed influenza or other *human* respiratory viruses w/o COVID-19 co-infection, should remain on isolation precautions until 7 days after symptom onset or until 24 hours after fever and respiratory symptoms have resolved, whichever is longer. For discontinuing precautions in patients with influenza or *human* respiratory viruses w/o COVID-19 co-infection in whom it is difficult to determine if symptoms due to viral infection have resolved (e.g., concomitant reactive airway disease or who remain intubated), then contact infection control dept to discuss discontinuation of isolation precautions.