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New Lifespan COVID Status Color Codes

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Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have continually adjusted our PPE and testing requirements, trying to minimize person-to-person transmission at all Lifespan facilities and keep staff and patients safe.

We realize the frequent changes have sometimes made it difficult for staff to keep current. In an effort to simplify, streamline and eliminate multiple memos, we have developed a comprehensive color-coded table using simple Red, Yellow and Green designations that cover most PPE and testing requirements for COVID-19.

[See the COVID status color table here](#)

We are currently in COVID Status **Yellow. This means:**

Testing ([see table for full details](#)):

- **Stop routine pre-procedure testing for patients who are not going to be admitted**
- Continue testing all pre-procedural patients who will be admitted
- Continue testing all symptomatic patients and all asymptomatic patients at time of admission

PPE ([see table for full details](#)):

- Level 2 mask at all times
- N95-level respiratory protection for PUI/COVID + patients and aerosol-generating procedures
- Eye protection for all patient-facing encounters within six feet

Meetings ([see table for full details](#)):

- Recommend virtual meetings. However, if holding in-person meetings, participants must be masked.

The color designations will be guided by COVID-19 prevalence in Rhode Island and COVID-19-related admissions at our hospitals and adjusted by Infection Control as needed. We will update all Lifespan team members if/when the color code status changes. You can check the COVID color status each week on the home page of the Lifespan intranet and at lifespan.org/covid-color.