

COVID-19 Isolation Practices and Testing

Symptomatic			
Ensure patient masking at all times when providing care			
	Isolation Precautions Pending Results	COVID-19 Testing Results	Precautions/Practices Based on Testing Results
Admitted with recent + COVID test (within <u>20</u> days from outside facility)	Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions	Reported by patient as positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive home antigen tests must be confirmed via testing algorithm • If a reliable historian can provide date and location 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) • If no reliable historian, perform a COVID test using the testing algorithm
Admitted with known recovery from COVID- 19 in past <u>90 days</u>	Contact/ Droplet Precautions	Obtain RP-2 to assess for other viruses	Maintain isolation until results of other diagnostic tests are final. Consult Infection Control as needed.
On admission, regardless of vaccination status	Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions	Positive	Maintain Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions
	Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions	Negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If suspicion for COVID-19 infection, such as recent exposure to known COVID-19, continue Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions, retest, and consider ID consult to assist in diagnosis. • Monitor for signs/symptoms; retest if no improvement in symptoms.
ED visit only	Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions	If tested, home without results	Disinfect room
Acute Care Outpatient visit	Mask patient and provider wears appropriate PPE	If tested, home without results	Disinfect room
Any patient refusing testing	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 positive for weeks to months*

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Asymptomatic			
Ensure patient masking at all times when providing care.			
	Isolation Precautions Pending Results	COVID-19 Test Results	Precautions/Practices Based on Testing Results
Admitted with known recovery from COVID-19 in past <u>90 days</u>	None	No COVID-19 test required	No isolation unless indicated for other reasons
On admission, regardless of vaccination status	None	Positive	Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions.
		Negative	No isolation unless indicated for other reasons
On admission, regardless of vaccination status or past infection History of Exposure¹	Contact & Droplet	Positive	Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions
		Negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact & Droplet Precautions for 7 days from last exposure date. • Repeat COVID test on day 3-5 • Monitor for signs/symptoms; retest with onset of any symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 infection and initiate Modified Contact/Droplet Precautions.
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
Any patient refusing testing	Contact & Droplet	N/A	Maintain precautions and continue to encourage testing

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