Discontinuation of Isolation Precautions for Covid (+) Patients

Note: This algorithm is only for patients who are improving in their clinical status, afebrile¹, and with improved oxygen requirements.² Patients who are not showing clinical improvement would still need to isolate for up to the 20-day maximum.  
*Always follow AGP guidance once modified contact and droplet isolation is discontinued*

**Immunocompromised Patients**
- Maintain isolation for 20 days

**ICU Patients**
- Isolate for a minimum of 10 days from test or COVID specific symptom onset date
- If no improvement, **then maintain isolation beyond Day 10.**
  - Reassess to discontinue isolation routinely until criteria are met, or Day 20, whichever is first.

**Medical/Surgical Patients**
- Maintain isolation for 10 days from test date or COVID specific symptom onset date.

**Behavioral Health Patients**
- Maintain isolation for minimum of 7 days from test date or COVID specific symptom onset date.
- If admitted to/ being transferred to a BHU⁴ (not geriatrics), may discontinue isolation when in BHU
  - If does not meet all of above criteria, see Medical/Surgical Patients (left). This includes behavioral health patients that are cared for in Med/Surg or ED on Days 7 or after

1. Without the use of fever reducing medications.

2. Improvement is defined as stable and/or improved O2 for 24 hours, considering the patient’s baseline respiratory status/SPO2. Examples include:
   - Transition from ventilator to high flow or CPAP/BiPAP
   - Transition from high flow/CPAP/BiPAP to nasal cannula
   - Transition from nasal cannula to room air
   - Maintained on a ventilator with stable SPO2 and stable vent settings for at least 24 hours

3. The CDC defines immunocompromised as:
   - Currently receiving chemotherapy for cancer
   - Being within one year out from receiving a hematopoietic stem cell or solid organ transplant
   - Untreated HIV infection with CD4 T lymphocyte count lower than 200
   - Primary immunodeficiency (PI)
   - Taking immunosuppressive medications (e.g., drugs to suppress rejection of transplanted organs or to treat rheumatologic conditions such as mycophenolate and rituximab)
   - Taking more than 20 mg a day of prednisone, for more than 14 days

4. Contact IC if there is a known immunocompromised patient in milieu

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