

COVID-19 ADMISSION GUIDELINES

Pediatric Behavioral Health Clinical Staff

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*For questions, please contact
your manager*

Due to the risk of transmission of COVID-19 within the community and the growing body of knowledge regarding transmission risk, the following admission guidelines have been updated to reflect current practice for all Pediatric Behavioral Health Units.

All pediatric BH admits require a SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19) test to be performed prior to being admitted to the pediatric BH unit.

- Symptomatic – Patient is not considered medically clear until test results negative **AND** an alternative explanatory diagnosis has been provided.
- Known High Risk Exposure – Patient is not considered medically clear until test results negative **AND** consult with infection prevention.
- Asymptomatic and no known exposure - Patient can be transferred to the peds BH unit once the test is sent and prior to test results being received.

Positive COVID-19 Test:

- Symptomatic (Current) – If patient is currently symptomatic, they are not considered medically clear and must remain on pediatric medical unit.
- Symptomatic (Previous) – If patient was previously symptomatic, they will be considered medically clear once they meet both of the following criteria.
 - 10 days have elapsed since the onset of symptoms **AND**
 - 72 hours without fever without use of antipyretics
- Asymptomatic – Considered medically clear 10 days from the initial test date.