

COVID-19 Testing for External Transfers to SNF, IRF, LTACH, and other Post-Acute Sites

The following process is designed for patients transferring to non-Intermountain areas of high-density residence:

Patient Type	Screening	Exposure	Symptoms	Testing	Transfer To
COVID (+) PATIENT (known, tested)	Screen @ Discharge: NO	Presume positive	Presume positive	Do not retest	State Designated COVID-19 Positive Facility; place in droplet contact isolation for 14 days post transfer.
COVID (-) PATIENT (previously tested) * No need to retest prior to discharge if discharge occurs within 7 days of test	YES	YES	Symptom Results: YES	*Test prior to discharge	(+) Test Result: State Designated COVID-19 Positive Facility; place in droplet contact isolation for 14 days post transfer. (-) Test Result: Admit to any facility; place in 14-day droplet contact isolation as a preventative measure.
			Symptom Results: NO	*Test prior to discharge	(+) Test Result: State Designated COVID-19 Positive Facility; place in droplet contact isolation for 14 days post transfer. (-) Test Result: Admit to any facility; place in 14-day droplet contact isolation as a preventative measure.
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COVID UNKNOWN PATIENT (never tested)	YES	YES	Symptom Results: YES	Test prior to discharge	(+) Test Result: State Designated COVID-19 Positive Facility; place in droplet contact isolation for 14 days post transfer. (-) Test Result: Admit to any facility; in room isolation according to State and County Health Dept "Stay Safe, Stay Home" guidelines; caregivers to wear mask and gloves with patient.
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* No need to retest prior to discharge if discharge occurs within 7 days of test

EXPOSURE SCREENING:

At discharge the patient, family, and other caregivers should be considered when asking the following exposure question:

"Has the patient had contact in the last 14 days with any known COVID-19 infected patients, family members, or caregivers?"

SYMPTOM SCREENING:

At discharge, the patient should be assessed for the following symptoms during the past 7 days:

- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Fever
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Confusion / encephalitis
- Unexplained falls

SPECIAL POPULATIONS:

(additional screening details to consider)

1. Age > 50
2. Immunocompromised
3. Chronic medical co-morbidities
4. Resident of high-density residence
5. Homeless
6. Pt who exposed healthcare worker to respiratory secretions
7. Pregnant women
8. Symptomatic healthcare worker
9. Recent travel in the last 14 days to other areas of active transmission (see Johns Hopkins Interactive Map)

- NOTE -

State Designated COVID(+) Buildings are not currently accepting patients who requiring aerosolizing procedures (i.e., CPAP, BiPAP, neb treatments)