

Suspect/Confirmed COVID-19 Patient ADMISSION Infection Control Requirements

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SITUATION	COVID-19 Test Guide	ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS	ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS
Confirmed COVID-19 Patients <i>COVID-19 positive test in past 14 days</i>	Active Positive status DO NOT RE-TEST	Droplet + Contact Precautions Private Room on M200***	All positive patients require a minimum of 10 days of isolation (from symptom onset). If patient required critical care or is immunocompromised minimum of 20 days of isolation are required** <i>See COVID-19 POSITIVE Patient Status Memo</i>
Suspect COVID-19 (FAILED Screen) <i>See Artery for WGH COVID-19 Swabbing Guideline</i> - Symptomatic – test* If physician does not swab, admit as normal.	Complete on Admission Use Diagnostic Order	Droplet + Contact Precautions Private Room on M200***	ONE* or TWO* negative COVID-19 results required before IPAC will reassess isolation requirements**
Suspect COVID-19 (FAILED Screen) <i>See Artery for WGH COVID-19 Swabbing Guideline</i> - Close Contact of a Positive Case - test - Travel Outside of Ontario – test <i>As per triage COVID-19 Assessment</i>	Complete on Admission Use Diagnostic Order	Droplet + Contact Precautions Private Room on M200***	ONE* or TWO* negative COVID-19 results (collected 24 hours apart) patient must remain on isolation for 14 days since last exposure and monitor for symptoms**
Patients from an Outbreak Unit or Facility in Outbreak	Complete on Admission Use Diagnostic Order	Droplet + Contact Precautions Private Room on M200***	TWO negative COVID-19 results (collected 24 hours apart) patient <u>must</u> remain on isolation for 14 days and monitor for symptoms**
Any Patient requiring: - Scheduled or Emergent Surgeries (<i>with no other risk factors</i>) - Scheduled C-Sections or Inductions (admit to Mat Child)	Complete on admission, unless swabbed within past 72 hours	Droplet + Contact Precautions Private Room	ONE negative COVID result IPAC to reassess isolation precautions**
Endoscopy Procedures	Complete within 72 hours prior to scheduled scope	No additional precautions required	ONE negative COVID result
Patients requiring the following: - Local Carpal Tunnel Surgery - Local Cataract Surgery	Does NOT require COVID-19 testing	No additional precautions required	No isolation required
Patients From: - Other Facilities (non-outbreak) with stays over 24 hours	Complete on admission Use COVID Screen Order	Droplet + Contact Precautions Private Room	ONE negative COVID result IPAC to reassess isolation precautions**
Patients Returning to: - Long-term Care Home - Retirement Home - Group Home	Complete within 24 hours prior to transfer time	No additional precautions required	ONE negative COVID result

*physician decision to swab, if etiology for symptoms then physician may choose not to swab. IPAC must be notified to remove isolation precautions, if after hours instruct inpatient nurse at transfer of accountability (TOA) to review with IPAC next morning.

**Review by Infection Control must occur before isolation precautions are discontinued. Notify IPAC during office hours at ext. 2449 (M-F 0800-1600) and on-call hours (M-F 1600 to 2200, Weekends/Holidays 0800 to 2200 through switchboard)

*** M200 unit is dedicated for COVID-19 suspect and positive patients. If a patient requires specialized care on another unit they may be admitted to those units if deemed appropriate by the physician, Unit Director, Patient Flow or delegates. E.g. Suspect/Confirmed COVID-19 patients requiring obstetrical care must be admitted to MatChild. Suspect/Confirmed COVID-19 patients requiring critical care must be admitted to CCU.