



Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions (Full PPE) with COVID Positive Patients

For high risk patients that test positive or are suspected positive use Transmission-Based Precautions (Full PPE):

- Must don Full PPE - N95 Mask, Gloves, Gown, and Goggles or Face Shield

For all other patients that are low risk or not suspected to be positive use Infection Control Precautions:

- Must don N95 Mask and Gloves

Follow the guidelines below for discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions (Full PPE) with COVID positive patients:

Positive Patients that experienced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mild to Moderate Illness • Not Severely Immunocompromised 	Positive Patients that experienced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No symptoms throughout their infection • Not Severely Immunocompromised 	Positive Patients that experienced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe to Critical Illness • OR • Severely Immunocompromised 	Positive Patients that experienced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asymptomatic throughout their infection • Severely Immunocompromised
Decrease from Full PPE to Infection Control Precautions IF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared • AND • At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever reducing medications • AND • Symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) have improved <p>*IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHEN SYMPTOMS APPEARED OR PASSED, THEN 10 DAYS FROM START OF CARE OR RESUMPTION OF CARE (ROC)</p>	Decrease from Full PPE to Infection Control Precautions IF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 10 days have passed since the date of their 1st positive viral positive diagnostic test <p>*IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHEN SYMPTOMS APPEARED OR PASSED, THEN 10 DAYS FROM START OF CARE OR RESUMPTION OF CARE (ROC)</p>	Decrease from Full PPE to Infection Control Precautions IF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 10 days and up to 20 days have passed since symptoms 1st appeared • AND • At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever reducing medications • AND • Symptoms (cough, shortness of breath) have improved <p>*IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHEN SYMPTOMS APPEARED OR PASSED, THEN 14 DAYS FROM START OF CARE OR RESUMPTION OF CARE (ROC)</p>	Decrease from Full PPE to Infection Control Precautions IF: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 10 days and up to 20 days have passed since the date of their 1st positive viral diagnostic test <p>*IF UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHEN SYMPTOMS APPEARED OR PASSED, THEN 14 DAYS FROM START OF CARE OR RESUMPTION OF CARE (ROC)</p>



Reminders:

- Continue to assess all patients and their household members prior to every visit by asking the following questions:
 - Have you or any members of your household been tested for COVID-19?
 - Have you or any members of your household had contact with any individuals that are known to have COVID-19?
 - Have you or any members of your household traveled out of the area in the past 21 days?
 - Have you or any members of your household had a cough or shortness of breath in the past seven days?
 - Have you or any members of your household had a fever in the past seven days?
- Upon entering the home take the patient's temperature at every visit
- Keep nursing bags and tablets at least 6 feet away from patients if possible or do not carry them into the home unless needed
- Use a plastic barrier between the bag and the surface
- Clean all equipment at every visit
- KN95 Masks are to be used for all non-COVID patients – 1 mask per day
 - Do not wear surgical masks or fabric masks during patient care
- Face Shields are to be disinfected after each patient
- N95 Masks are to be used on positive and suspected positive patients
 - 1 mask has 5 uses for the same patient
 - Place mask in bag after each use
 - Doff correctly in keeping with infection control precautions

For more information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-hospitalized-patients.html>