

Discontinuation of COVID-19 Precautions

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Ambulatory Immunocompromised or Non-Immunocompromised

- Follow “Outpatient COVID Result Management” algorithm
 - available on sih.net → Community Clinician Portal → Testing section of topic menu
 - Pt given CDC handout “What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019” (on Clinician Portal) for suspected patients at time of COVID NP testing
- Primary Care Provider (SIHMG or non-SIHMG) to f/u with pt as indicated based upon co-morbidities

Inpatient Processes

COVID-19 Rule-Out (Person Under Investigation-PUI) Discontinuing Precautions:

- Confirm negative result in chart
- Determine if pt improving or clinical symptoms still present before removing Precautions
 - If a high level of clinical suspicion for COVID-19 exists, consider maintaining DROPLET/CONTACT/EYE Precautions and perform a second test (see Guidelines for Retesting After Negative Results)
- Remove patient from DROPLET/CONTACT/EYE Precautions if improving
- When removing from Precautions inform patient of result and document

COVID-19 Rule-Out PUI Discharged to HOME Pending Results:

- Pt to remain in DROPLET/CONTACT/EYE Precautions until discharge to home
- Pt given CDC handout “What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019” (on Clinician Portal)
- Pt to self-isolate
- Pt to call PCP once home

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COVID-19 Positive Discharge Processes

- Maintain precautions for duration of hospitalization
- COVID Unit **DROPLET/CONTACT/EYE Precautions** or **AIRBORNE/CONTACT/EYE Precautions**
- Patients can be discharged when clinically indicated

DISCHARGE TO HOME:

- Precautions continue at home
- Notify Local Health Department in the county the patient resides of discharge
- Local Health Department will continue to provide direction to patient on precautions
- Pt given CDC handout “What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019” (on Clinician Portal) at discharge

DISCHARGE TO NURSING HOME, LTAC, SNF, CORRECTIONS, OR OTHER CONGREGATE FACILITY:

IDPH Guidelines for *Negative and Suspected/Positive* Test Result include the following:

Negative

- For Discharge Planning:
 - Level of precautions continue upon discharge
 - Precautions to next level of care are to be for a minimum of 7 days following the date of COVID test
 - OR at least 3 days have passed without fever reducing medication AND does not exhibit any respiratory s/s

Positive

- Precautions are still required if pt has symptoms from COVID-19
 - For Discharge Planning:
 - Pt should be placed in single room or specified COVID unit
 - Restricted to their room
 - Wear facemask during care activities until s/s are resolved or until 14 days after illness onset, whichever is longer
- Notify Local Health Department in the county the patient resides of pending discharge
- Local Health Department will continue to provide direction to facility on precautions management and subsequent discontinuation
- Pt is transferred with mask