

## **COVID and PUI patient placement guidance**

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### **Definitions:**

**Close Contact (non-HCW):** Close contact: Being within 6 feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period with someone with SARS-CoV-2 infection.

**Standard PPE (During High Community Transmission):** Medical mask or Higher (N95/equivalent), Eye-protection

**Full PPE of COVID Positive and PUIs:** N95 or Equivalent, Eye-protection, Gown, Gloves.

### **Guide for patients who have had close contact to someone with diagnosed COVID-19:**

Close Contact	Isolation	Room	PPE	Testing	Type of Test	Duration of Isolation
Symptomatic Patients	Yes	Private	Full	As soon as symptoms are identified.	PCR	10 Days
Asymptomatic Patients	Yes	Private	Full	Day 1 (where day of exposure is day 0), day 3, and day 5.	PCR	10 Days
Recovered from COVID-19 in the past 31-90 days	Yes	Private	Full	Day 1 (where day of exposure is day 0), day 3, and day 5.	Antigen (Lab8666)	10 Days
Recently recovered from COVID-19 in the past 30 days	No	Any	Standard	No	N/A	N/A

**SPH ONLY:****Patient Placement for PUI and Positive Patients:**

Ideally COVID positive and PUI patients should be placed on designated units within the facility, with dedicated HCP, to care for patients with SARS-CoV-2 infection. Dedicated means that HCP are assigned to care only for these patients during their shifts. However, during times of low COVID census, staffing challenges, bed shortages and the clinical needs of the patient, this is not always possible.

**Patients should be maintained in a private room on a unit that clinically meets their medical needs if they do not have significant respiratory or COVID related issues. Guidelines for patient clinical needs are outlined below.**

Unit	Conditions
Prog/CVICU	Recent Cardiac Surgery, ECMO
2MC	Vascular, Hepatobiliary surgical patients, Cardiac Telemetry, Med/Surg, Stepdown
3MC	GI, Med/Surg (Asymptomatic PUI, Convalescent)
4MC/4P	Cardiac drips or arrhythmias that require "CARDIAC TELEMETRY", s/p Cardiac procedures ie. Heart Catheterization or Ablations
4GB	Medical/Surgical. Convalescent patients only.
5BF	Inpatient chemo
5MC	Respiratory symptoms (increased shortness of breath, decrease in their O2 sats or O2 sats that are waxing and waning, high flow, coolflow, vapotherm, bipap and 4 liters or greater), Vent patients not requiring critical care.
6BF	Surgical patients, Thoracic/Neurology patients (as the primary reason for hospitalization without significant COVID respiratory needs).
6MC	Surgical patients, GYN/Onc, Urology patients (as the primary reason for hospitalization without significant COVID respiratory needs).
6P	Surgical patients, ortho/ortho spine, bariatrics, general surgery patients (as the primary reason for hospitalization without significant COVID respiratory needs).
SPARC	Minimal or asymptomatic, able to stay in their room.

**\*\*\*NOTE: PUI patients or asymptomatic patients who have had a positive rapid and negative confirmatory PCR tests may go to any unit based on clinical need but will need to remain isolated for 10 days.**