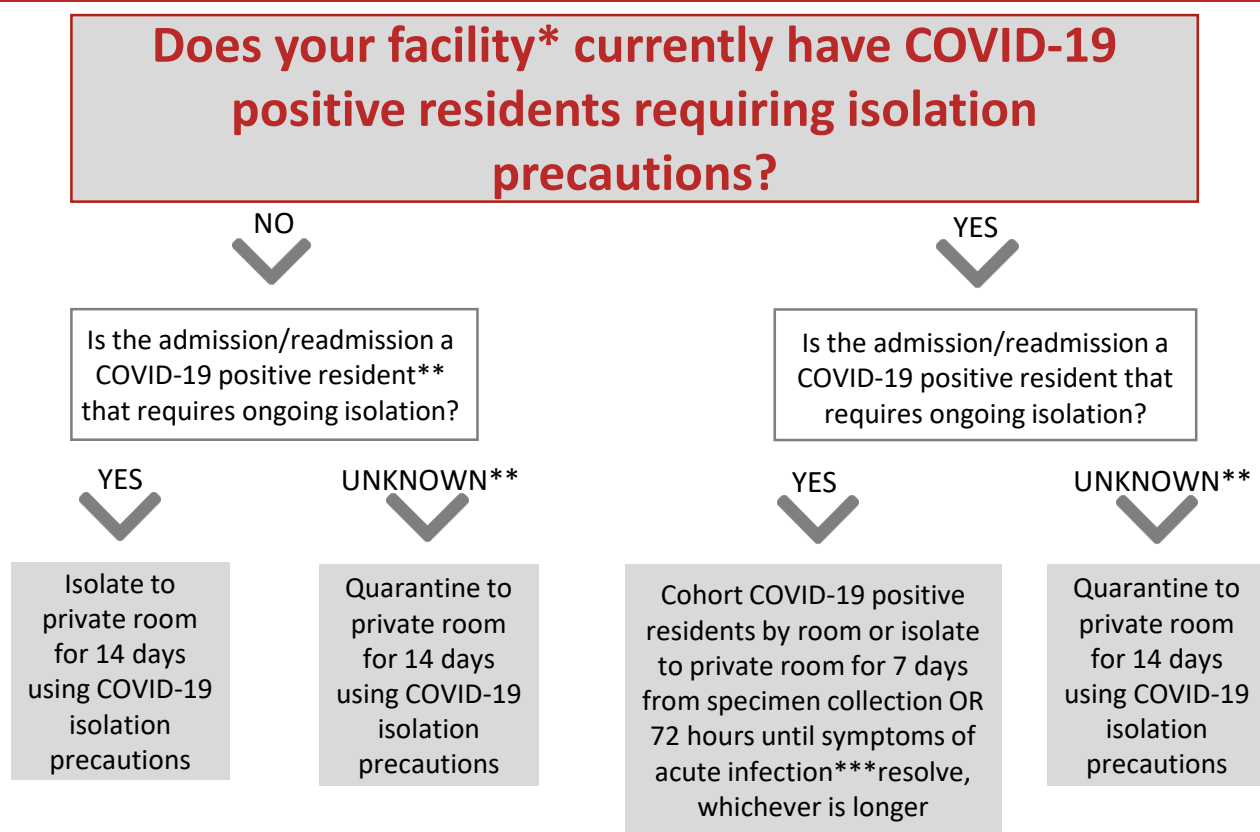


COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Guidance: Accepting Admissions and Readmissions From Higher Acuity Facilities



*This guidance of [Executive Order 2020-22](#) covers healthcare institutions licensed as nursing care institutions, residential care institutions, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, and medically group homes for individuals with developmental disabilities.

**A negative COVID-19 test result in a person with no prior COVID-19 positive results is “Unknown” due to the possibility of them being in their incubation period.

***[Symptoms of acute infection](#) include but are not limited to a single temperature of $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$ (38°C), cough, or shortness of breath. This excludes a residual non-productive cough from reactive airways disease or a baseline cough that has not changed.

ADDITIONAL FACTORS FOR CONSIDERATION

- Patients may be released from quarantine and cared for within the general patient population once quarantine has been completed and no signs or symptoms of disease have developed.
- If a patient develops COVID-19 during the 14 day quarantine, care for the patient in isolation until 7 days from specimen collection OR 72 hours until symptoms of acute infection resolve, whichever is longer.
- If COVID-19 positive patient started isolation in a higher acuity facility and admitted/readmitted to facility that currently has COVID-19 positive residents requiring isolation precautions, continue isolation precautions and do not have the patient start their isolation period from the beginning. For example, if a patient is transferred to your facility on their 4th day of isolation from specimen collection, have the patient complete the remaining 3 days (total of 7) OR 72 hours until symptoms of acute infection resolve, whichever is longer.

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- COVID-19 positive residents or staff are considered infectious 48 hours prior to symptom onset until seven days from specimen collection OR until 3 days (72 hours) after fever is gone and symptoms of acute infection resolve, whichever is longer.
- If tested positive for COVID-19, remain at home or under isolation precautions for 7 days from specimen collection OR until 3 days (72 hours) after fever is gone (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms of acute infection resolve, whichever is longer.
- If tested negative for COVID-19 and have compatible symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath), stay at home or under isolation precautions until 3 days (72 hours) after all symptoms of acute infection resolve.
- If not tested for COVID-19 and have compatible symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath), stay at home or under isolation precautions until 3 days (72 hours) after all symptoms of acute infection resolve.
- If not tested for COVID-19 and have other non-compatible symptoms, stay at home or under isolation precautions until 24 hours after all symptoms are gone without the use of medicine.