



ADMISSIONS / RE-ENTRY TO CARE SERVICES (Revised 8/13/2020)

Guideline Until Further Notice

Effective immediately, for the first 14 days of any new admission, re-admission, re-entry or dialysis (offsite) for Skilled Nursing, Long Term Care, Assisted Living, and Memory Care are to be on Quarantine/Isolation precautions. The 14-day Quarantine/Isolation can be waived with 2 Negative COVID-19 test results. Offsite Dialysis DOES NOT apply to waiver. **See exception on page 2.**

Due to possible disruption in supply chain and the limited availability of PPE, the following protocols should be followed:

- Place all new admissions in the same area
- Use only one CNA/Nurse each shift to care for the new admissions only (if possible)
- N95 masks to be worn (re-used as per policy)
 - N95 not required if; no order for isolation and not currently experiencing, cough, fever or shortness of breath
- Resident is to eat in room for all meals (delivery by caregiver)
- Therapy is to be delivered in room
- No body contact without gloves
- Gown can be kept in resident room to conserve (per COVID-19 guidelines)
 - Gown not required if; no order for isolation and not currently experiencing, cough, fever or shortness of breath
- Isolation precautions should be followed
- Any equipment/supplies used that can't be kept in room must be disinfected thoroughly after each use
- If using a Hoyer lift, lift pad must be left in room.
 - Lift must be disinfected after each use
- Vital sign equipment should be kept in room, if possible



Exception to the testing guidance above, is if the person was or currently is positive for COVID-19 upon admission or re-entry (testing is NOT required, nor necessary)

- ✚ Mild to Moderate Illness is 10 days post onset of symptoms (**not onset of test**)
 - **Mild Illness:** Individuals who have any of the various signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., fever, cough, sore throat, malaise, headache, muscle pain) without shortness of breath, dyspnea, or abnormal chest imaging.
 - **Moderate Illness:** Individuals who have evidence of lower respiratory disease by clinical assessment or imaging, and a saturation of oxygen (SpO₂) ≥94% on room air at sea level.

- ✚ Severe to Critical Illness is 20 days post onset of symptoms (**not onset of test**)
 - **Severe Illness:** Individuals who have respiratory frequency >30 breaths per minute, SpO₂ <94% on room air at sea level (or, for patients with chronic hypoxemia, a decrease from baseline of >3%), ratio of arterial partial pressure of oxygen to fraction of inspired oxygen (PaO₂/FiO₂) <300 mmHg, or lung infiltrates >50%.
 - **Critical Illness:** Individuals who have respiratory failure, septic shock, and/or multiple organ dysfunction.

AND

- At least 24 hours have passed with no fever and no use of fever reducing medications
- Symptoms have improved

For details and definitions, please review link below:

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