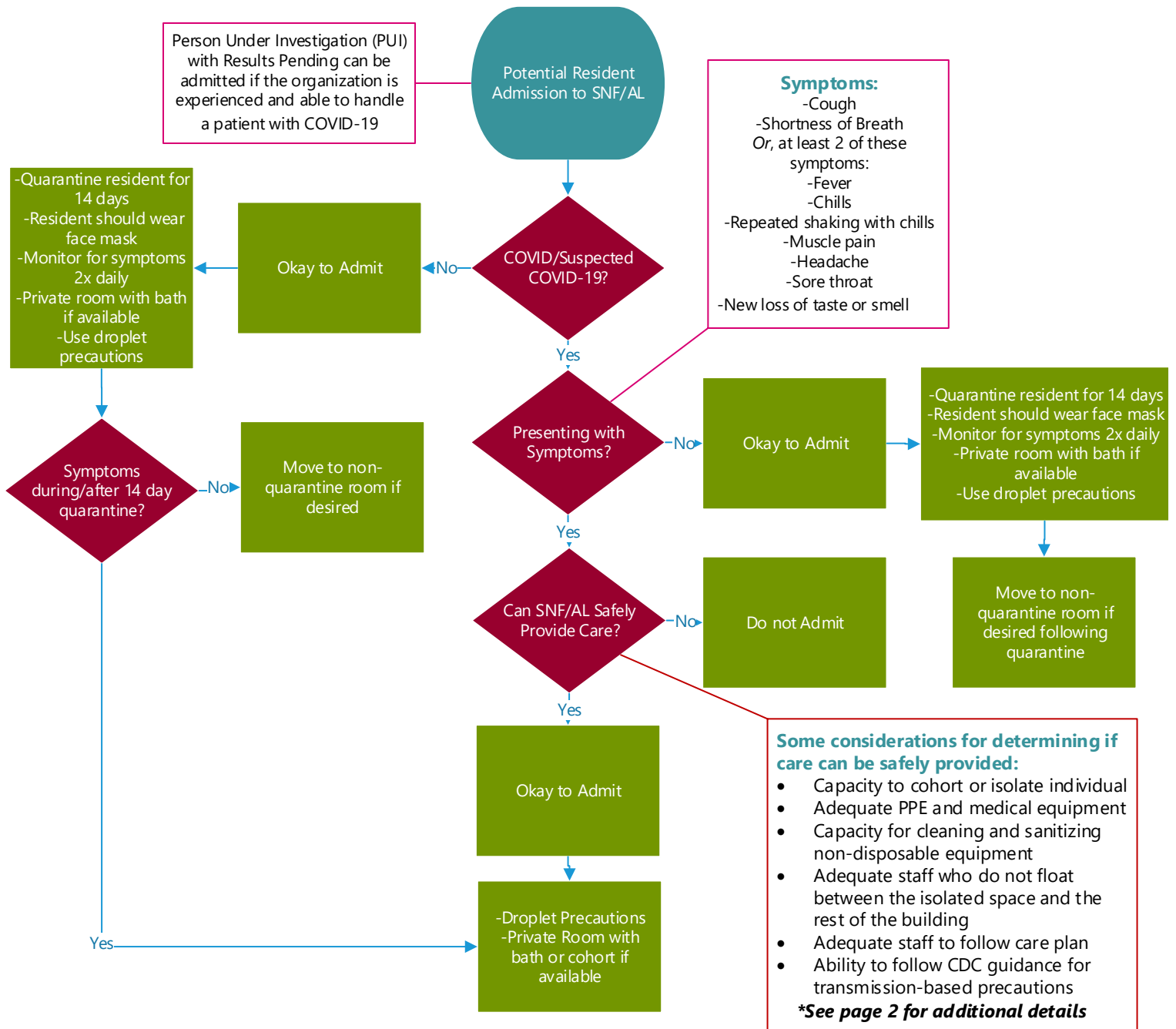
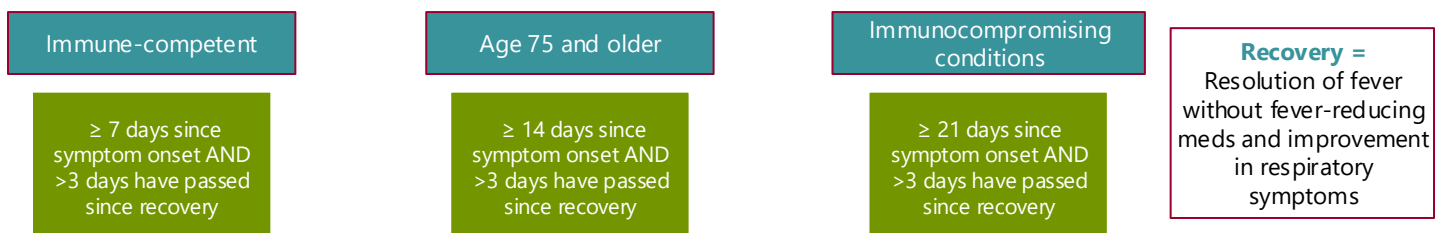
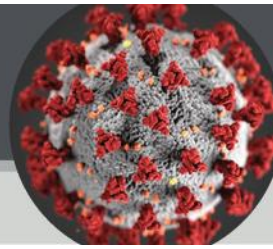


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When to Discontinue Transmission-Based Precautions





Considerations for Admitting New Residents or Accepting Returning Residents from the Hospital

The decision to admit new residents, or accept returning residents from the hospital, who have COVID-19 symptoms, exposure, or are COVID-19 positive, depends on your organization's ability to safely care for that resident. Here are some considerations in each case:

- What is your current capacity to isolate and/or cohort individuals who are positive or have symptoms consistent with COVID-19?
- Is your supply of PPE adequate to protect staff and residents from transmission per current CDC guidelines?
- Do you have adequate medical equipment designated to be specifically used for COVID-19 related cases?
- What is your capacity for appropriately cleaning and sanitizing non-disposable equipment?
- How adequate is your current staffing? Are you able to designate staff to care exclusively for residents with confirmed or presumed COVID-19 without utilizing those staff to care for other residents?
- Do you have adequate staff to follow the resident's care plan?
- What is your ability to follow CDC guidance for transmission-based precautions (contact and droplet precautions)?

This is not an all-inclusive list of considerations in making an admissions decision. It is primarily focused on several infection control, COVID-19 specific factors. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your organization's approach, please contact Kari Everson at 651.603.3502 or keverson@leadingagemn.org.

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