Managing Resident Admissions – SNF/AL

Person Under Investigation (PUI) with Results Pending can be admitted if the organization is experienced and able to handle a patient with COVID-19

Potential Resident Admission to SNF/AL

COVID/Suspected COVID-19?

- Quarantine resident for 14 days
- Resident should wear face mask
- Monitor for symptoms 2x daily
- Private room with bath if available
- Use droplet precautions

Okay to Admit

Presenting with Symptoms?

- Quarantine resident for 14 days
- Resident should wear face mask
- Monitor for symptoms 2x daily
- Private room with bath if available
- Use droplet precautions

Okay to Admit

Can SNF/AL Safely Provide Care?

- Quarantine resident for 14 days
- Resident should wear face mask
- Monitor for symptoms 2x daily
- Private room with bath if available
- Use droplet precautions

Okay to Admit

Symptoms during/after 14 day quarantine?

- Quarantine resident for 14 days
- Resident should wear face mask
- Monitor for symptoms 2x daily
- Private room with bath if available
- Use droplet precautions

Okay to Admit

Symptoms:
- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
Or, at least 2 of these symptoms:
- Fever
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell

Okay to Admit

Move to non-quarantine room if desired

Okay to Admit

Move to non-quarantine room if desired following quarantine

Okay to Admit

Some considerations for determining if care can be safely provided:
- Capacity to cohort or isolate individual
- Adequate PPE and medical equipment
- Capacity for cleaning and sanitizing non-disposable equipment
- Adequate staff who do not float between the isolated space and the rest of the building
- Adequate staff to follow care plan
- Ability to follow CDC guidance for transmission-based precautions

*See page 2 for additional details

When to Discontinue Transmission-Based Precautions

Immune-competent

- ≥ 7 days since symptom onset AND
- >3 days have passed since recovery

Age 75 and older

- ≥ 14 days since symptom onset AND
- >3 days have passed since recovery

Immunocompromising conditions

- ≥ 21 days since symptom onset AND
- >3 days have passed since recovery

Recovery = Resolution of fever without fever-reducing meds and improvement in respiratory symptoms

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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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