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| COVID-19 POSITIVE: Floor Patient | Day 14 | - At least 7 days since symptom onset  
- Afebrile for 72 hours  
- Respiratory symptoms improved | Obtain 2 tests at least 24 hours apart  
Example:  
- Test 1 on Day 14  
- Test 2 on Day 15 | - If both tests negative, discontinue isolation precautions after discussion with infection control  
- If either test positive, maintain isolation precautions  
- May consider repeat testing at later date |
| COVID-19 POSITIVE: ICU Patient | Day 21 | - Afebrile for 72 hours  
- Improving respiratory status, oxygen requirements or active weaning | Obtain 2 tests at least 24 hours apart  
Example:  
- Test 1 on Day 21  
- Test 2 on Day 22 | - If both tests negative, discontinue isolation precautions after discussion with infection control  
- If either test positive, maintain isolation precautions  
- Consider repeat testing at later date |
| COVID-19 POSITIVE: Patient currently on floor, previously in ICU | Day 14 | - At least 7 days since symptom onset  
- Afebrile for 72 hours  
- Respiratory symptoms improved | Obtain 2 tests at least 24 hours apart  
Example:  
- Test 1 on Day 14  
- Test 2 on Day 15 | - If both tests negative, may discontinue isolation precautions  
- If either test positive, maintain isolation precautions  
- May consider repeat testing at later date |
| COVID-19 POSITIVE: Repeat testing required for disposition | N/A Testing dictated by receiving facility | None | Obtain 1 or 2 tests (depending facility requirements):  
- If 2 tests required, obtain at least 24 hours apart | - If both tests negative, may discontinue isolation precautions  
- If either test positive, maintain isolation precautions |
| COVID-19 NEGATIVE: Testing required for disposition | N/A Testing dictated by receiving facility | None | Obtain 1 test | - No need to change header to PUI  
- No need to place patient on isolation for testing |
Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions for Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients

Consideration of isolation discontinuation for hospitalized patients will be made on a case-by-case basis by Infection Prevention & Control team members.

1. For COVID-19 inpatients who remained on a medical floor throughout their stay and have been an inpatient for 14 days, discontinuation of isolation precautions may be considered on or after hospital day 14 if the following criteria are met:
   - At least 7 days have passed since symptom-onset
   - The patient has been afebrile, off antipyretics for at least 72 hours
   - Respiratory symptoms have improved

   For patients who meet all above criteria, recommend: obtain 2 sequential SARS CoV-2 PCR nasopharyngeal (NP) swab or NP/oropharyngeal (NP/OP) assays performed 24+ hours apart. This should be the “Routine” COVID-19 assay performed at the HUP Molecular Lab with 12-24 hour turn around time.
   - If Negative x 2 -> Discontinue Isolation Precautions; consider transfer to non-COVID unit
   - If Positive -> Maintain Isolation Precautions for remainder of stay

2. For COVID-19 inpatients who remain in an ICU setting for a prolonged period:
   - Consider discontinuation of isolation precautions on or after hospital day 21
   - Patients in an ICU setting 21 days may be considered for testing if they meet the following criteria:
     - Afebrile for 72 hours
     - Improving respiratory status, oxygen requirements or active weaning

   For patients meeting above criteria, obtain 2 sequential SARS CoV-2 PCR NP or NP/OP assays at least 24+ hours apart
   - If both Negative -> Discontinue isolation precautions after discussing with infection control
   - If either or both positive -> Maintain Isolation; consider repeat testing in 1 week, or upon transfer to floor
   - If patient was enrolled in a clinical trial in which serial NP samples were obtained for repeat SARS CoV-2 testing, and results are known and negative, then no additional testing required

3. For COVID-19 inpatients who spent some time in an ICU setting but were then transferred to the floor, follow strategy #1 above.

4. For COVID-19 POSITIVE inpatients who require testing for disposition:
   - Obtain single (or 2 if required by receiving facility) NP swab(s) or NP/OP swab(s) for SARS CoV-2 PCR assay – “Routine” test done in HUP lab
   - When reported negative, decision to remove Isolation Precautions depends on timing of discharge – may discontinue isolation at time of discharge

5. For COVID-19 NEGATIVE inpatients who require testing for disposition:
   - Do NOT enter COVID Rule out in Header
   - Do NOT place patient into Isolation Precautions
   - Obtain single NP swab for SARS CoV-2 PCR assay – “Routine” test done in HUP lab