Double Room Patient Placement Guidelines – 3.3.2021 1500

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The below guidelines are intended to guide clinicians with the use of double room as it relates to COVID-19, there are additional factors that may need to be considered when determining appropriateness for patient placement in a double room (i.e., isolation status; safety attendant at bedside; violent behaviors, anticipated extended length of stay, etc.)

**COVID NEGATIVE**

- this encounter (Including test results up to 5 days prior to admission for pre-procedure or inpatient transfers)
- Is the patient admitted with a Respiratory Diagnosis, Respiratory problem, or Respiratory Symptoms? (including but not limited to Pneumonia, Acute Respiratory Failure, Asthma or COPD Exacerbation)
- Is the patient Immunocompromised? (as defined in the Severe Immunosuppressed Definitions document)
- Does that patient require CPAP or BiPAP (including night use for OSA), or High Flow Nasal Cannula or have a Tracheostomy?

If ALL answers **NO**

Patient may be placed in a double room with another patient who meets the same criteria

**COVID POSITIVE**

- this encounter requiring Severe Respiratory Precautions
- Have the patient’s oxygen needs been stable for > 24 hrs without the use of High Flow Nasal Canula or BiPap/CPAP?
- Does the patient require hemodialysis?

If **YES**

Patient may be placed in a double room on a COVID unit with another patient who meets the same criteria

If **NO**

Patient may be placed in a Double Room, but only with another patient that has also been cleared.

**COVID POSITIVE**

- this encounter but now cleared from Severe Respiratory Precautions
- Does the patient have any other active respiratory infections?

If **NO**

Patient may be placed in a Double Room, but only with another patient that has also been cleared.

**Patient with History of COVID-19 within past 30 days**: (prior encounter/ outpatient testing)

(Patients with history of COVID > 30 days must be re-tested and placed according to new test result)

OR COVID Results Pending

**Patient may NOT be placed in a double room**