Double Room Patient Placement Guidelines – 1.4.2021 1518

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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.)

1. 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)

2. Is the patient Immunocompromised? (as defined in the Severe Immunosuppressed Definitions document)

3. Does that patient require CPAP or BiPAP (including night use for OSA), or High Flow Nasal Cannula or have a Tracheostomy?

4. Is the patient receiving nebulizer treatments?

If ALL answers NO

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

See Guidelines for Cohorting COVID patients for more info.

If YES

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

Unit Charge Nurse to contact Transfer center if one patient discharges to ensure bed block is placed indicated only COVID + cleared pts may be placed in room.

COVID NEGATIVE this encounter

(Including test results up to 5days prior to admission for pre-procedure or inpatient transfers)

COVID POSITIVE this encounter requiring Severe Respiratory Precautions

COVID POSITIVE this encounter but now cleared from Severe Respiratory Precautions

Patient with History of COVID-19 within past 90 days (prior encounter/ outpatient testing)

(Patients with history of COVID >90 days must be re-tested and placed according to new test result)

OR COVID Results Pending

Have the patient’s oxygen needs been stable for >24hrs without the use of High Flow Nasal Canula or BiPap/CPAP?

Does the patient require hemodialysis?

If NO

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

If YES

Does the patient have any other active respiratory infections?

If NO

Patient may be placed in a double room

If YES

Patient may NOT be placed in a double room