Discontinuation of Severe Respiratory Precautions for negative, positive or presumptive COVID-19 patients - 5.7.20, 1149

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**Key Points**

- Meeting criteria for discontinuation of Severe Respiratory Precautions is not a prerequisite for discharge and should be based on clinical indication.

- If isolation can be discontinued, RN to refer to the Test Result Notification Nursing Standard Work to remove isolation from Epic and remove the Severe Respiratory Precautions sign from the patient door and alert the Hot Zone Boss.

- For additional guidance if there is a higher level of clinical suspicion for COVID-19, refer to the Inpatient Workflow.

*Recovery is defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.

**The strategy used for the discontinuation of Severe Respiratory Precautions should be determined by the provider. The test-based strategy is the preferred method for patients who will be discharged to a congregate living situation (nursing home, homeless shelter, group home, etc.) or patients who will be discharged home where there is a severely-immunocompromised individual or there is no opportunity to self-isolate from the rest of the household.