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**Resource & Updates**

**Family Birth Center and NICU Discharge Information for Coronavirus (COVID-19)**  
[Management of PUI/Confirmed Mothers and Exposed Infants](#)  
[UICM Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resource Center](#)  
[UICM Video: How to use and get Protective Disposal Equipment \(PPE\)](#)

For clinical questions regarding the care of COVID-19 PUIs or COVID patients, [contact COVID Resource Team \(303020\)](#).

**Recent Updates:**

- 5/14/2020:
  - Updated SRP clearing instructions
- 5/20/2020:
  - Expanded pathway for newborn patients who transferred from outside hospitals and for newborn patients with asymptomatic mothers who refuse testing
- 4/20/2020:
  - Added link to the Post Delivery Infant Care & Breastfeeding PUI Patient SOPs

[Asthma](#)

**Newborn patient's mother is a PUI or COVID+**

- Bothe infant as soon as possible; no skin-to-skin
- Infant goes to:
  - NICU, PACU, CTU or Comer 5 as clinically appropriate
  - or Room 5 as well
- Refer to the following Post Delivery Infant Care & Breastfeeding PUI Patient SOPs
  - [COVID-19 Patient SOP](#)
  - [PUI Patient SOP](#)

**Newborn patient transferred from outside hospital without maternal testing OR Newborn patient's mother is asymptomatic and refuses testing**

- Infant:
  - Rooms in with mom
  - or goes to NICU, CTU or Comer 5 as clinically appropriate

**Informational: NICU visitation for COVID-positive parent**

COVID-positive parents can visit their baby in the NICU when **ALL OF THE FOLLOWING** are met:

- Able to wear antiseptics for >72 hrs AND
- Improvement (not full resolution) of respiratory symptoms AND
- Two consecutive negative COVID-19 tests at least 24 hrs apart

• If discharged before completing two negative tests, parent can re-visit in a corridor via the telehealth line at 773.702.2800

If mother is asymptomatic and refuses test or was unable to be tested, the baby is admitted as a PUI and cannot have any visitors until 2 negative test results or the mother has a negative test result.

**Order Isolation Precautions**

**Order Isolation**

**Contact:**  
 Special Respiratory Isolation  
 Email Patient in COVID PUI Pathway

- RN places contact and special respiratory and contact isolation signs on door ([link](#))
- Parents/guardians of patients under special respiratory precautions cannot leave the patient's room
  - Parent/guardian needs to enter food through the hospital food services system (ex. 43000)
- If in the NICU, there can be no visitors until the baby is cleared, but video conferencing can be used
- Page [COVID-19 Social Work Consult Team \(303027\)](#) to facilitate discussion with family about visitor policy, if needed
- If imaging is needed, follow [link](#)
- If patient needs chest imaging, please ensure [equipment](#), [equipment](#) is followed
- Ensure diet orders are placed with all disposable checked ([link](#))
- Family discharge circumstances: PUI patient circumstances should be scheduled as the last procedure of the day
  - Procedural team wipes down space with PDI wipes. Only one baby may be in the room
  - Transport patient following the [COVID-19 PUI SOP](#)

**Maternal COVID test results**

- Had off on COVID testing asymptomatic neonate until mother's result is known
- If mom wasn't tested (refused or transferred in)

**Mother Cleared**

**Patient cleared**

- If the patient's mother is cleared at any point then the patient is cleared
- The COVID Resource team will clear the mother via an event note in her chart
- The mother is not cleared immediately after last results come back negative. Please wait for direction from COVID resource team

**Mother Positive or Refused Testing**

**Order COVID-19 Test -24 hours after birth**

Order: COVID-19 OPNP sample

**RN Collects Sample**  
[Link to SOP](#)

- Nasopharyngeal (NPNP) swab COVID-19 ([instructions](#))
- Place label on the specimen:
  - COVID-19 order label
  - Ensure appropriate PPE is worn (e.g., gown, gloves, eye protection, and surgical mask)
  - N95/Respirators not needed for NP swabs only needed during [special respiratory precautions](#)

**RN Tube Specimen Directly to Microbiology**  
 (Tube Station 906)

**What were results of first test? (results review)**

Continue PUI status/Special Respiratory Precautions until COVID-19 clearing team clears the patient

**Positive**

**Patient tested positive for COVID-19**

- Continue Special Respiratory Precautions
- Consult Peds ID service
- Patients requiring prolonged hospitalization should have repeat testing every 48-72 hours until two consecutive negative tests
  - Order: COVID-19 OPNP sample
- Patients don't have to be cleared to be discharged home
  - [Discharge Instructions](#)

**Negative**

**Order second COVID-19 test (>24 hrs after first test)**

- Order: COVID-19 OPNP sample
- Patient can be discharged before being cleared
  - [Discharge Instructions](#)

**RN Collects Sample**  
[Link to SOP](#)

- Nasopharyngeal (NPNP) swab COVID-19 ([instructions](#))
- Place label on the specimen:
  - COVID-19 order label
  - Ensure appropriate PPE is worn (e.g., gown, gloves, eye protection, and surgical mask)
  - N95/Respirators not needed for NP swabs only needed during [special respiratory precautions](#)

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**Does the patient have two consecutive negative tests? (results review)**

**No**

**Patient tested positive for COVID-19**

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- Patients requiring prolonged hospitalization should have repeat testing every 48-72 hours until two consecutive negative tests
  - Order: COVID-19 OPNP sample
- Patients don't have to be cleared to be discharged home
  - [Discharge Instructions](#)

**Yes**

**Wait for Communication from COVID Resource Team**

- Care team waits for communication from the COVID Resource Team to determine if the patient should [submit a PUI](#)
- COVID-19 Resource team will communicate via an event note or phone call (lower priority task)

**Patient Cleared of COVID-19 PUI Status**

Follow the [link](#) to discontinue the following:

- Special Respiratory Precautions (SRP)
- Contact Precautions
- PUI environment order

Precautions can not be discontinued if the patient has any of the following:

- Positive COVID-19 Qualitative PCR lab result within the last 90 days
- Enrolled in the COVID-19 exposed pathway
- Active order to collect or in-process COVID-19 Qualitative PCR lab

There may be situations where the concern for COVID-19 remains high based on the clinical status of a patient despite two negative tests. In this case, the patient should remain on Special Respiratory Precautions and Contact Isolation.

Please [contact COVID PUI Clearance Team \(303104\)](#) for assistance removing SRP/Contact of these scenarios.

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- [Discharge Instructions](#)