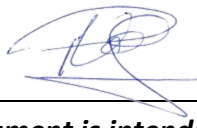


# Guidance Document for COVID-19



<b>Title:</b> Cohorting Patients Using CPAP Machines	<b>Version #:</b> 1
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<b><i>This document is intended to provide guidance to staff/professional staff during COVID-19</i></b>	

- PURPOSE**  
To clarify expectations during COVID-19, related to *cohorting patients using CPAP machines*.
- GUIDELINES (e.g. background, definitions, procedure, etc.)**  
Throughout the pandemic, patients who are admitted and require the use of a CPAP machine are placed in isolation rooms for the duration of their stay. This has a significant impact on patient flow as isolation rooms are highly needed. Before the Covid-19 pandemic, patients with CPAP machine were able to cohort without any concern. In response levels green and yellow, we will return to this process as stated below.  
  
Response Level Green and Yellow:
  - Patients using CPAP machines can be cohorted together, if fully vaccinated and cleared by IPAC  
Response Level Orange and above:
  - Require Covid-19 swab before being cohorted, if cleared by IPAC
- RELATED POLICIES, PRACTICES AND/OR LEGISLATIONS**  
N/A
- REFERENCES**  
N/A