


Guidance Document for COVID-19



Title: Covid-19: When to Test and When to Isolate In-Patients	Version #: 1
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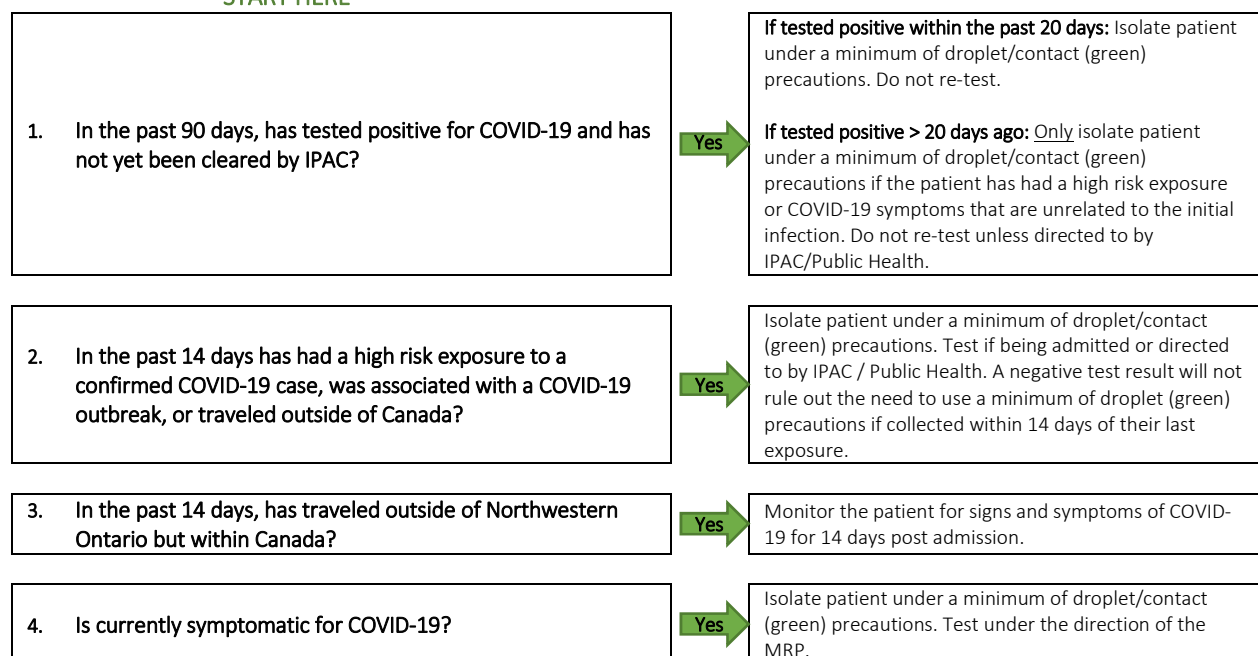
1. PURPOSE

This document is intended to provide guidance to staff and professional staff related to: When to Test and When to Isolate In-Patients, in accordance with current Provincial and Federal guidelines to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

2. GUIDELINES (e.g. background, definitions, procedure, etc.)

- If patients admitted to Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC), have travelled within the past 14 days outside of North-Western Ontario (NWO) but within Canada, and are asymptomatic, the patient no longer requires isolation or COVID testing. Patients admitted to TBRHSC who have travelled within the past 14 days outside of Canada, are required to undergo COVID-19 testing, and isolate under a minimum of Droplet/Contact precautions for 14 days.
- If patient is fully vaccinated and provides proof of their completed vaccination, Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC), will assess (in conjunction with the patient's care team), to determine the need of isolation.

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	<p>If CIR is <20 per100,000: A negative test in a symptomatic individual without an exposure or travel history is enough to rule out COVID-19 and the MRP can discontinue droplet/contact (green) precautions unless required for another reason.</p> <p>If CIR is \geq20 per 100,000: A negative test in a symptomatic individual is not enough to rule out COVID-19. A minimum of droplet/contact (green) precautions are maintained until discontinued by IPAC.</p>
<p>5. Is the patient being admitted from a *congregate setting <u>inside</u> Northwestern Ontario? *Congregate settings include: hospital, long term care home, retirement home, homeless shelter, group home, supported living, disability specific community, short term rehab, hospices, other shelters, community hospital or regional tertiary/quaternary centre</p>	<p>Yes → Monitor the patient for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days post admission.</p>
<p>6. Has a cancer or paediatric cancer diagnosis and is being admitted to the 1A acute oncology wing or a 1B paediatrics or is starting immunosuppressive cancer treatment or haematopoietic cell therapy?</p>	<p>Yes → Test upon admission if patient is symptomatic, is a high risk contact, or under direction of MRP/IPAC (PCS-MD-271).</p>
<p>7. Is being admitted to a unit that has been identified by IPAC as requiring COVID-19 testing prior to admission?</p>	<p>Yes → Test upon admission under direction of MRP/IPAC (PCS-MD-272). Test does not need to be resulted prior to admission.</p>
<p>8. Is a renal dialysis patient being admitted to any inpatient unit?</p>	<p>Yes → Test upon admission (PCS-MD-271).</p>

3. RELATED POLICIES, PRACTICES AND/OR LEGISLATIONS

N/A

4. REFERENCES

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