



COVID-19 Cohorting Decision Support

RESIDENT WITH CONFIRMED COVID-19

Best option

Private room with bathroom housed on a unit with other COVID-19 patients

OR

with another confirmed COVID-19 resident

If not possible to be in private room, discuss plan with DON and Medical Director (see box to the right)

RESIDENT WITH SYMPTOMS SUSPECTED COVID-19 (TESTING PENDING)

Best option

Move to a private room with bathroom preferably on same unit

Alternative

Cohort with other symptomatic resident

EXPOSED ASYMPTOMATIC ROOMMATE OF COVID-19 RESIDENT (CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED)

Best Option

Move roommate to another room

Alternative

Cohort with other exposed residents

DO NOT COHORT WITH NON EXPOSED ROOMMATE

Alternative

Keep in room where COVID-19 resident resided

If no bed available and exposed roommate is kept with COVID-19 confirmed or suspected resident need to discuss with DON and medical director and have documentation for the decision (see box to the right)

If COVID-19 discordant residents are in the same room

- Place the resident beds as far apart as possible, instruct a mobile resident to stay 6 feet away from their roommate in the room
- Place a surgical mask on resident with suspected or known COVID-19 resident, if tolerate
- Use privacy curtains as possible barrier protection between the resident beds
- Open window for ventilation if feasible
- Use air purifier if available
- Enhance/ increase frequency of daily environmental cleaning of the room, focusing on shared bathroom and high – touch surfaces

Other Considerations

- In residents with wandering or behavioral challenges, moving off a locked unit or to a new room may introduce new elopement or aggression risks. These risks should be considered in the overall risks and benefits
- In a facility with shared bathrooms, the resident in the COVID 19 negative room may need to be moved to avoid sharing a bathroom. An alternative is the use of bedside commode to avoid sharing a bathroom the COVID-19 positive residents