

DOCUMENT TITLE: NOMC COVID Testing for Discharge Placement
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Patients being discharged to a congregate living environment will need to be screened for COVID19 virus prior to being accepted to the facility. Congregate living environments include Nursing Home/Skilled Nursing Facility, Assisted Living Facility, Psychiatric Facility, Group Home, LTAC etc.

1. Once a patient is identified as being a current resident or expected to discharge to a congregate living environment, the CM/SW/Nursing will discuss and request a COVID19 screening (displayed in EPIC as **COVID19**) be completed with the attending provider.
 - a. **COVID19** test can be done for placement no greater than seven days prior to discharge.
 - b. Answer questions on order requisition to indicate/select that the patient is not suspected or person under investigation (PUI) for Covid19 (NO), and that the testing is for patient placement to outside facility (YES).
2. After this test is ordered by a provider, nursing should call lab to get the appropriate swab and proceed with the testing procedure as outlined in the **Infection Prevention Guidance for Patients Suspect for or Confirmed COVID19** as found on OAKLINK.
3. The CM/SW/Nursing will document that COVID19 testing is being done to assist with discharge planning once the provider orders it. These patients Do Not require isolation while COVID19 test results are pending for patient placement. Do not enter an R/O Covid infection status. Order requisition and report will show documentation of the questions answered indicating testing for patient placement.
4. Patients requiring rapid (same day) testing:
 - a. When conventional capacity testing is available, the rapid test either **Inpatient COVID19** or **Rapid COVID19** tests, can be ordered. The CM/SW/Nursing will notify the Nursing Supervisor and the specific algorithm will be followed per the **Rapid Testing for COVID19 Capacity Levels** on the I drive Covid Toolkit.
 - b. When at contingency testing levels, North Oaks will not be able to perform the rapid test, **Inpatient COVID19** or **Rapid COVID19** tests, on these patients. North Oaks will work with outside facilities to coordinate the best plan in conjunction with the LDH state policy, the outside facility, and North Oaks current process.
5. For any questions regarding this please speak with your Director or Manager.
6. If a positive test result is received on testing for Discharge patient placement, notify Dr. Newman, Infection Prevention and Employee Wellness for additional guidance.