Inpatient Adult Respiratory Illness Isolation Guide

Respiratory Viral Illness → NO → Continue Standard Precautions

Order COVID-19 test – Place in Contact/Droplet + Eyewear isolation precautions

COVID-19 positive? → YES → Adjust isolation to Specified Precautions (Black Isolation Sign)

NO → High clinical suspicion for COVID-19 remains?

YES → If Full Respiratory Panel or Flu/RSV pending
   a) Remain in Contact/Droplet + Eyewear until resulted
   b) Adjust isolation based on virus identified
   c) Discontinue isolation if no virus identified

NO → Review Indicators for High Clinical Suspicion (need 2 out of the following 3):
   a) Fever + cough + hypoxia
   b) CT or CXR with viral pneumonia pattern or ground glass infiltrates
   c) Worsening clinical respiratory status with no better explanation

   • Review with provider if retesting is warranted
   • Continue Contact/Droplet + Eyewear

Please use standard precautions in the care of all patients. Standard precautions includes wearing PPE based on the anticipated exposure to blood, body fluids, secretions, or excretions during patient care activities.