MANAGING PATIENTS WITH COVID-19

UPDATE TO COVID-19 STATUS CHANGE PROCESS IN EPIC

Effective March 2, 2021, a patient’s COVID-19 status on the Epic storyboard will automatically change to “Resolved” 20 days after the patient’s first positive COVID-19 test result.

What does “Resolved” status mean?

» Once a patient is designated as “Resolved” in Epic, the patient is no longer considered infectious and does NOT require COVID-19 isolation.

» A patient’s COVID-19 “Resolved” status will remain on the Epic storyboard for 90 days after the date of their first positive COVID-19 test result. Retesting for COVID-19 is not recommended in this timeframe. (Refer to the Testing portion of the COVID-19 toolkit.) Continue to follow standard precautions and Universal Pandemic Precautions (UPP) at all times.

Can a patient be seen in the outpatient setting BEFORE they are COVID-19 “Resolved” in Epic?

» Yes, patients may be seen in the office prior to being COVID-19 “Resolved” if the following criteria can be met:
  - Room patient immediately (no sitting in the waiting room)
  - Masking and eyewear are worn properly per the Universal Pandemic Precautions for Caregivers Standard Operating Procedure

INPATIENTS WITH COVID-19

At this time, there are NO changes to isolation management of inpatients who have tested positive for COVID-19.

Please contact your local infection preventionists for questions related to COVID-19 isolation.