

COVID-19 Testing for Direct Admissions and Transfer Patients

Asymptomatic patients who are transferred from an outside hospital must have a COVID-19 test within 3 days from a lab using an approved platform (updated list of approved labs [available under COVID resources on intranet](#)). Patients should be tested (ideally with a 2 hour test) at the *sending* YNHHS facility prior to transfer. If this testing is not available or cannot be performed in a timely manner at the referring facility, repeat testing will be performed at the YNHHS hospital upon arrival. Patients will be admitted to the accepting service and a bed will be assigned, in order of preference:

1. Target unit (i.e. surgical, neuro, medicine, etc.) in private room
2. Target unit in negative pressure room
3. COVID unit under care of accepting service. All services are expected to serve as primary team on COVID unit.

Exception - the following patient groups: transplant, hematology, oncology will go to:

1. Target unit in negative pressure room
2. Private room on a non-transplant, non-heme/onc unit

Patient and staff will follow all policies consistent with PUI status until YNHHS COVID test returns negative.

If there are symptoms of COVID, patient should be admitted to a COVID unit/room under the care of the accepting service. All services are expected to serve as primary team on COVID unit.

If the patient has tested positive for COVID within the prior 90 days, they will be considered COVID positive for 10 days following the positive test result for mild to moderate cases, 20 days for severe/immunocompromised. After this time they should be treated as COVID negative. No repeat testing is indicated. Bed assignment will follow COVID recovery isolation policy (attached).