

# Resident Isolation for Symptomatic Respiratory Illness

## New Onset Symptomatic Resident: Unknown Pathogen

Default to current [COVID-19 recommendations](#) until test results available

Residents	Recommendations
<p><b>Symptomatic for influenza or COVID-19:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sore throat</li> <li>● Shortness of breath</li> <li>● Runny nose</li> <li>● Congestion</li> <li>● Cough</li> <li>● Fever, chills, or rigor</li> <li>● Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea</li> <li>● Fatigue or weakness</li> <li>● Body aches</li> <li>● Changes in mentation</li> </ul> <p><b>AND</b></p> <p><b>Influenza and COVID-19 Status are both Unknown</b></p>	<p><b>Isolate</b> in <a href="#">Aerosol Contact Precautions</a> until test results known (or for duration of COVID-19 isolation if testing not performed)</p> <p><b>Move</b> to private room if available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If not immediately available, refer to <a href="#">Shared Resident Rooms</a> for recommendations</li> </ul> <p><b>Test</b> for Influenza and COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PCR testing is preferred, but antigen is acceptable for initial testing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Interpret</b> results (<i>Negative results do not guarantee that an individual is not infected. Use clinical judgment and re-test individuals with high suspicion of an illness</i>)</p> <p>COVID-19 positive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 positive antigen or PCR</li> </ul> <p>COVID-19 negative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 negative antigens 48 hours apart, or</li> <li>● 1 negative PCR (repeat if high suspicion)</li> </ul> <p>Influenza positive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 positive antigen or PCR</li> </ul> <p>Influenza negative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 negative PCR, or</li> <li>● 1 negative antigen followed by 1 negative PCR</li> </ul> <p><b>Refer</b> to next section based on test results</p>

## Known Respiratory Pathogen: Influenza Positive

Residents	Recommendations
<p><b>Influenza Positive and COVID-19 status is Unknown:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There has been no recent COVID-19 testing since symptom onset</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a single negative antigen test</li> </ul> <p><i>Follow influenza AND <a href="#">COVID-19 recommendations</a> until confirmed COVID-19 test results - residents could be infected with both influenza and COVID-19.</i></p>	<p><b>Isolate</b> in <a href="#">Aerosol Contact Precautions</a> and follow COVID-19 guidance</p> <p><b>Move</b> to private room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If not immediately available, refer to <a href="#">Shared Resident Rooms</a> for recommendations</li> </ul> <p><b>Test</b> for COVID-19</p> <p><b>Interpret</b> results</p> <p>COVID-19 positive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 positive antigen or PCR</li> </ul> <p>COVID-19 negative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 negative antigens 48 hours apart, or</li> <li>1 negative PCR (repeat if high suspicion)</li> </ul> <p><b>Refer</b> to appropriate section of this chart based on COVID-19 test results</p>
<p><b>Influenza Positive and COVID-19 Positive:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positive antigen or PCR</li> </ul> <p><i>Follow influenza and <a href="#">COVID-19 recommendations</a></i></p>	<p><b>Isolate</b> in <a href="#">Aerosol Contact Precautions</a> and follow COVID-19 guidance</p> <p><b>Move</b> to private room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to <a href="#">Shared Resident Rooms</a> for recommendations</li> <li>If cohorting COVID-19 residents, any shared room must have residents with the same confirmed influenza status</li> </ul>
<p><b>Influenza Positive and COVID-19 Negative:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two negative antigen tests 48 hours apart, OR</li> <li>Negative PCR, OR</li> <li>Recovered from COVID-19 in the last 30 days</li> </ul> <p><i>Follow influenza recommendations</i></p>	<p><b>Isolate</b> in <a href="#">Droplet Precautions</a> and follow influenza guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider <a href="#">NIOSH approved N95</a> respirator use during <a href="#">AGPs</a> or high risk, prolonged close contact</li> </ul> <p><b>Move</b> to private room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If not immediately available, refer to <a href="#">Shared Resident Rooms</a> for recommendations</li> </ul>

