

#### **ISOLATION & ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS**

- Case Isolation: Isolate the ill resident in a private room. If a private room is not available, isolate the ill resident with their with roommate with the following precautions in place: 1) draw the curtain 2) dedicate equipment 3) encourage masking 4) ensure adequate ventilation.
- Duration of isolation: Go to step 5 test results.
- **PPE:** Use contact precautions while providing direct care or interacting with the ill resident: **Gown and gloves**. Eye protection and well-fitted medical mask should be used based on point of care risk assessment (PCRA).
- Roommate Isolation: Isolation not required.
- Cleaning and Disinfection: Increase frequency of cleaning and disinfection of high-touch items and surfaces. Switch to an intermediate or high-level disinfectant.
- **Hand Hygiene:** Hand hygiene is the number one way to prevent the spread of infection. Ensure staff, residents and visitors perform frequent hand hygiene.

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- Isolate resident for 24 hrs to monitor for new or worsening symptoms.
- Consult with the resident's physician for an assessment.
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- Cleaning and Disinfection: Increase frequency of cleaning and disinfection of high-touch items and surfaces. Switch to an intermediate or high-level disinfectant.
- **Hand Hygiene:** Hand hygiene is the number one way to prevent the spread of infection. Ensure staff, residents and visitors perform frequent hand hygiene.
- If new or worsening symptoms develop, go back to step 1.
- If NO new or worsening symptoms develop and/or if there is an alternate, non-infectious diagnosis, isolation and additional precautions may be discontinued and testing is not required.

#### **SPECIMEN COLLECTION & TRANSPORT**

- Collect stool samples\* per medical director or resident's physician recommendations for sporadic cases (i.e., one symptomatic resident).
- Complete a General Test Requisition for stool samples.
- Use the medical director or resident's physician as the ordering provider for non-outbreak samples.
- Ensure resident demographics on the requisition match the demographics on the specimen container(s).
- Collect a nasopharyngeal (NP) swab for COVID-19 only testing if COVID is suspected.
- Complete a COVID-19 & Respiratory Virus Test Requisition.
- Use the medical director as the ordering provider for non-outbreak samples
- ► Ensure "COVID-19" only is checked off in box 5 on the requisition.
- Ensure resident demographics on the requisition match the demographics on the specimen container.
- **Submit** non-outbreak samples (i.e., a sample from one sporadic ill resident) to the lab using your facility courier.
- \*Contact SWPH to discuss specimen collection and transport during a suspect or confirmed outbreak.

# Norovirus

- Case Isolation: Isolate until 3 days after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.
- Roommate Isolation: n/a
- Additional Precautions: Gown and gloves.
  Eye protection and well-fitted medical mask should be used based on point of care risk assessment (PCRA).
- **SWPH Notification Required**: Not unless there is more than one ill resident.

# **Unknown (No Pathogen Detected)**

- Case Isolation: Isolate until 2 days after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.
- Roommate Isolation: n/a
- Additional Precautions: Gown and gloves.
  Eye protection and well-fitted medical mask should be used based on point of care risk assessment (PCRA).
- SWPH Notification Required: Not unless there is more than one ill resident.

# COVID-19

- Case Isolation: Isolate for 10 days from symptom onset. \*5 days after symptom onset, the resident may come out of isolation if symptoms have improved and they can mask.
- Roommate Isolation: Isolate on additional precautions for 5 days from symptom onset of case. Discontinue isolation after 5 days, but continue to mask and distance from others until day 7 from last exposure to the case.
- Additional Precautions: Medical mask or N95, eye protection, gown and gloves.
- Antivirals: Consult with physician.
- SWPH Notification Required: Yes