

# Inpatient Isolation Table for COVID 19

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Duration of required isolation for COVID positive inpatients in acute care facilities is distinct from the requirements in the community. This guideline has been approved by Health PEI Infection Prevention and Control.

Inpatients are considered recovered when they have been afebrile for 24 hours, their symptoms are meaningfully improved as determined by their care team and they have completed their required isolation period (please see table below).

Patient Status	Duration of Isolation	Notes
Being admitted and is asymptomatic	None required	Does not require testing
Being admitted for <b>respiratory</b> illness Tested COVID positive (rapid antigen test/IDNow/PCR) Within the last 60 days Is greater than 7 days from onset of symptoms	COVID precautions until symptoms resolve or an alternative diagnosis is determined  Consult infection control	Do not test for COVID for <b>60 days</b>
Symptomatic patients (including only mild symptoms) OR  Patients who are severely ill AND Are not severely immunocompromised**	Day 0 is the day of symptom onset or the date of their positive test (whichever is earliest)  7 days*- regardless of vaccination status	Mild illness:-symptoms present but not requiring supplemental oxygen or increased oxygen from baseline  Cannot return to congregate living facilities (LTC, CCF, Hillsborough, Mental health and addictions housing, shelters) until 10 days after their positive test  Severe illness: requiring supplemental oxygen or increased oxygen from baseline
Symptomatic patients Who are critically ill OR Severely immunocompromised**	Day 0 is the day of symptom onset or the date of their positive test (whichever is earliest) 20 days*- regardless of vaccination status	Critical illness: requiring respiratory support (ie. high flow oxygen, non-invasive ventilation or mechanical ventilation) on the medical floor or ICU

\*Isolation ends at the end of the final day

\*\*Severely immunocompromised includes:

- Bone Marrow Transplant patients
- Solid Organ Transplant patients
- Leukemia Treatment patients
- Similar level of immunocompromise as per the most responsible provider