



<p><b>Suspected/Known Disease or Microorganism</b>  <b>COVID 19 (SARS-CoV-2, novel coronavirus 2019, nCoV-2019)</b>          Refer also to: 'Respiratory Viral Infection'</p>		<p><b>Precautions that may be needed (In addition to Routine Practices)</b></p>  
<p><b>*Reportable Disease</b></p>		
<p><b>Clinical Presentation</b>          Fever, new or worsening cough or shortness of breath, pneumonia, fatigue/malaise, diarrhea, rhinorrhea</p>		
<p><b>Infective Material:</b> Respiratory secretions</p>		
<p><b>How is it Transmitted:</b> Direct Contact, Indirect Contact, Large Droplet</p>		
<p><b>Acute Care (hospital inpatient, UCC, ED)</b>  <b>Droplet and Contact Precautions</b></p> <p><b>Airborne, Droplet and Contact Precautions</b> – if Aerosol-Generating Medical Procedures (AGMPs) are likely to be required (e.g. nebulized therapy, CPR, CPAP, Endotracheal intubation &amp; extubation, High frequency oscillatory ventilation, Bronchoscopy and bronchoalveolar lavage, Laryngoscopy, Positive pressure ventilation (BiPAP &amp; CPAP), sputum induction).</p>	<p><b>Ambulatory Care (outpatients, clinics, chemotherapy units, diagnostic imaging, CHS)</b>  <b>Droplet and Contact Precautions</b> –</p> <p><b>Airborne, Droplet and Contact Precautions</b> – for AGMPs</p>	<p><b>Residential Care (residential type care, eg. Heartwood, FPH, Sunny Hill)</b>  <b>Droplet and Contact Precautions</b> –</p> <p><b>Airborne, Droplet and Contact Precautions</b> – for AGMPs</p>
<p><b>Special Considerations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Family members and visitors with acute respiratory infection or those under quarantine should not participate in care or enter the hospital.</b></li> <li><b>Strict attention to hand hygiene</b></li> </ul> <p><b>CW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ill mother/parent of an asymptomatic infant</b> – mother/parent may participate in care after weighing the risks and benefits with care providers. Ill mother/parent to go directly into and out of the patient room and must wear a mask for the duration of presence in the hospital. The mother/parent should continue to follow BCCDC recommendations for self-isolation while in hospital. Risk of transmission via breast milk is unlikely but evidence is limited. No evidence of virus in breast milk in small studies; EBM likely safe. If BF occurs mask must be worn by mother and diligent hand hygiene practiced.</li> <li><b>Ill mother/parent of a NICU infant</b> – mother/parent may choose not enter the NICU until at least symptom free. Consult IPAC as required. If ill mother/parent is to participate in care, they must go directly into and out of the NICU and must wear a mask for duration of presence in the hospital and NICU. The parent/primary caregiver should continue to follow BCCDC recommendations for self-isolation while in hospital. No evidence of virus in breast milk in small studies; EBM likely safe.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Duration of Precautions</b>          Consult IPAC</p>		
<p><b>Incubation Period:</b> 2 - 14 days</p>		<p><b>Period of Communicability:</b> Uncertain</p>

### Version History

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