Inpatient Respiratory Virus Streaming Guide

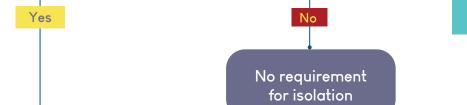
Testing, Isolation & De-isolation Guidance

Acute respiratory virus symptoms (not otherwise explained) including any of the following:

- · Fever
- · Sore throat
- · Acute respiratory illness with onset in past 5 days
- · New cough or acute worsening of chronic cough

CHL will determine seasonal testing based on local epidemiology

- ☐ SUMMER TESTING** COVID-19 with RATS only
- □ WINTER TESTING COVID-19, Influenza A or B & RSV



Place patient in Respiratory Precautions (Standard)

Isolate Patient for FIVE days from onset of symptoms

Immunocompromised patients:
Isolate for 10 days

To deisolate follow guidance on page 2

Placement in Single Room* or area with increased ventilation

Test for COVID-19 with RAT.

If negative and symptoms persist continue Respiratory Precautions (Standard) and re-test at 24 and 48 hours***

Testing for clinical purposes**

Patients are only eligible for PCR testing if RAT negative and:

- Severely unwell requiring ICU admission
- Oncology/Haematology/CHOC patient
- Paediatric patient (severe illness where the result will change patient management
- Immunocompromised patient**

Testing for respiratory pathogens as usual diagnostic processes may still be performed as per clinician judgement and may be discussed with a Clinical Microbiologist

Please include clinical details on all request forms for PCR. Specimens that are received without clinical details will be rejected.

Routine PCR is batch tested daily Mon-Fri at 11:00am. Turnaround time 24 hours Mon-Fri and up to 3 days Sat-Sun.

- * Single rooms include multi-linear bed spaces with dividers pulled
- ** Significant immunosuppression (irrespective of vaccination status), including current chemotherapy, solid organ transplant, taking rituximab, CHOC/BMTU patient, or by SMO discretion
- *** If symptoms persist and RAT remains negative, continue Respiratory Precautions (Standard) and consider alternative diagnosis.

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De-Isolation of Acute Respiratory Viruses

Is the patient FIVE days past symptom onset (10 days in immunocompromised** patients) AND respiratory symptoms are improving?

