



Considerations for Residents Admission/Readmission during a COVID-19 Outbreak in Post-Acute Care Settings

Facilities experiencing an outbreak of COVID-19 should consider the following points when accepting a patient for admission/readmission to the facility. The facility should be able to fully implement, and be compliant with, all CDC recommended infection control precautions with further detail found in the section [New Admissions and Residents who Leave the Facility](#).

These include assuring that a facility has adequate:

- **Staff** to care for current and incoming residents,
- **Supplies** (e.g., PPE, hand hygiene products, disinfectants), and
- **Space** to house and maintain separation of infected and non-infected residents.

Resident/Patient Status:

- Residents with confirmed SARS-CoV-2 infection who have not met [criteria to discontinue Transmission-Based Precautions](#) should be placed in the designated COVID-19 care unit, regardless of vaccination status.
- In general, all unvaccinated residents who are new admissions and readmissions should be placed in a 14-day quarantine, even if they have a negative test upon admission.
- Fully vaccinated residents and residents within 90 days of a SARS-CoV-2 infection do not need to be placed in quarantine.

Facilities should have:

- Dedicated staff to cohort in the quarantine area
- PPE (All recommended PPE should be worn during the care of residents in the quarantine area.)
- Hand hygiene supplies
- EPA-registered hospital grade disinfectant ([List N](#))
- Dedicated space to quarantine or isolate as needed

Considerations to halt admissions:

The threshold for determining when admissions should be halted is dependent upon multiple factors and should be made in collaboration with the local health department, the North Carolina Division of Public Health, and the Division of Health Service Regulation.

- Facility is non-compliant with infection prevention practices.
- Facility does not have adequate staff, supplies (PPE), or space necessary to care for infected and noninfected COVID residents.