Tools for handling COVID+ (positive) patients in the Skilled nursing setting


If there is a known or suspected COVID + case please contact Public Health and follow the Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) or Persons Under Investigation for COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings.

Also refer to CDPH guidance in their All Facility Letter: https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-25.aspx

1. Place residents with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection in single occupancy rooms (or cohorted in multi-occupancy rooms with other residents with confirmed COVID-19 infection), with the door closed.

2. Symptomatic residents and exposed roommates must limit movement outside their room; if they need to leave the room, they should wear a facemask.

3. Health Care personnel dedicated to care for residents with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection should use an N95 respirator wherever available (if unavailable, a facemask), eye protection (face shield or goggles), gloves, and gown.

4. If there are larger numbers of positive cases try to cohort cases in the same wing or side of the facility with the same staff caring for COVID + patients. If there is no possibility for isolating a wing or section then you may consider cohorting patients in a therapy space or dining room space but this would require a flex waiver to be filled out see links below


6. Waiver applications can be submitted: https://eforms.cdph.ca.gov/content/cdph-global/login.html?resource=%2Fcontent%2Fchcq-waiver%2Fchcqlanding.html&j_login%24=%24%24login%24%24&j_reason=unknown