Riverside County Public Health Guidance for Lifting Facility Restrictions for Patient Transfers and Visitors

Restrictions for Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCFs) with COVID-19 Positive Patients and/or Staff

- No transfers except for acute care
- No discharges unless approved by Public Health
- No visitors except for patients requiring end-of-life emotional support for which appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) must be worn by each visitor
- Cohorting of COVID-19 positive patients and staff in a designated unit is preferred
- Confirmed COVID-19 patients may share a room with other confirmed cases who ideally have a similar diagnosis and/or recovery timeline

Criteria for Lifting Restrictions for LTCFs

Transfer Criteria for Patient from Acute Care to Skilled Nursing Facilities:
- The facility has Not had any new positive COVID-19 cases in the past 14 days
- At least 10 days have passed since the last positive test of existing COVID-19 patients
- No COVID-19 test results are pending for staff or residents.
- Patient is clinically stable
- Patient must be able to adhere to isolation requirements
- Confirmed cases may share a room with other confirmed cases who ideally have a similar diagnosis and/or recovery timeline
- The facility will continue to cohort positive COVID-19 patients and staff in a designated unit at receiving facility
- If needed, asymptomatic positive staff are only assigned to work with COVID-19 positive patients, until they meet criteria for clearance.

Criteria to Transfer Initially Symptomatic COVID-19 Positive Patients Who Cannot be Isolated at LTCF:
Resolution of fever for at least 24 hours after last fever spike, WITHOUT the use of fever-reducing medication AND improvement in respiratory symptoms AND At least 10 days have passed since the date the LAST positive test was taken.

Criteria to Transfer COVID-19 Positive Patients Who Have Not Had Any Symptoms:
- At least 10 days have passed since the date of their last positive COVID-19 test assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test
- If they develop symptoms, then the Criteria to Transfer Initially Symptomatic COVID-19 Positive Patients should be used

Visitors:
- Asymptomatic visitors are permitted to enter with appropriate face covering if at least 14 days have passed without identifying a new positive COVID-19 case at a facility (provided all staff and residents have been tested)
- Visitors must be informed of potential risk of exposure to COVID-19 at the facility
- Appropriate PPE must be worn by the visitor.

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