

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE

Bulletin #74b – COVID-19 – ID-IPC – Forms, Testing Directive, Remdesivir, Patient Monitoring, Masks – Oct 8 2020

COVID-19 Patient care and infection prevention and control (IPC) measures

ID-IPC forms updated to reflect screening criteria

On Oct. 7, Horizon updated the patient and visitor COVID-19 [screening criteria questions](#) for monitoring of all admitted patients.

The following forms have been updated to reflect these changes:

- [HHN-1072 COVID-19 Screening Form for Correctional Centre to Hospital Transfers](#)
- [HHN-1067 COVID-19 Screening Form for Hospital to Hospital Transfers](#)

COVID-19 Testing Clinical Order Set – directive

On Sept. 30, Horizon updated the COVID-19 Testing Clinical Order Set with the testing criteria outlined by the Office of the Chief medical Officer of Health. The following directive reflects these changes:

- [COVID-19 Testing Clinical Order Set - Directive](#)

Remdesivir for COVID-19 – preprinted order

The Horizon Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee has developed a preprinted order for the use of Remdesivir for the treatment of COVID-19. Please refer to the criteria for use and notes for the prescriber within the preprinted order.

The Remdesivir for COVID-19 preprinted order is available via the Clinical Order Sets site or by clicking [here](#).

Monitoring of all admitted patients

As previously communicated on May 1, the Regional Infectious Diseases/Infection Prevention and Control Committee (ID-IPC) recommended ongoing monitoring of **all admitted patients twice daily (every 12 hours)** to assess **changes in health status** related to COVID-19.

If a patient has been identified with at least **two** of the 10 COVID-19 symptoms:

- Isolate the patient

- Immediately implement droplet and contact precautions
- Isolate all roommates on droplet and contact precautions
- Notify IPC
- Collect a nasopharyngeal swab for COVID-19 (as per directive [DIR-IPC-40041](#))
- Document a focused assessment

Updated mask FAQ

The following question and answer has been added to Horizon's [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#) page regarding the wearing of a community face mask or facial covering while visiting a patient under isolation precautions.

Q: Can I wear my community face mask or cloth facial covering into a room to visit a patient who is under Isolation Precautions?

A: No, patients under isolation precautions require individuals entering the patient room to wear medical grade face mask and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Before you visit a patient under isolation precautions, you must STOP and request assistance from a healthcare worker on the patient care unit before entering the patient's room. The healthcare worker will assist and provide you with the appropriate type of PPE required to keep you and the patient safe. This will include instruction of how to wear and remove the PPE.

NOTE: Visitation to COVID-19 suspect/confirmed patients is restricted and must receive prior approval.