

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID-19 COMMITTEE

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Revised Horizon IPC Guidance: [Outbreak Management of Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) - All Phases](#)

The IPC Outbreak Management Guideline has been revised to include cohorting strategies to facilitate patient flow during COVID-19 pandemic. This is a complimentary tool which provides alternate approaches for cohorting COVID -19 suspect, positive, or recently recovered patients.

Revised Infection Prevention and Control Guidance: [Operating Room Theatres and OR Decision Pathway for Horizon Facilities in a Red Phase](#)

The Red Phase OR Pathway has been updated and reflects the following:

- the risk factor associated with domestic travel has been removed.
- the following statement “if resources are not available to perform a rapid PCR Test using the GeneXpert platform, a PCR test performed within 48 hours is acceptable” has been included. This supports pre-op testing for DOSA patients 48hrs prior to surgery when it is not operationally sustainable for Laboratory Services to perform rapid PCR test using GeneXpert platform on day of surgery.
- the conditions for pre-op testing of previously COVID-19 positive patients. Do not re-test a previously positive asymptomatic patient who passes active screening if a COVID-19 positive PCR test or POCT with compatible COVID-19 symptom history was obtained in the previous 90 days. Repeat testing would only be conducted on those who are symptomatic or who identify a new risk factor.

New Horizon Infection Prevention and Control Videos

Our health care workers continue to face ongoing pressures associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and go above and beyond every day to provide safe and quality care to our patients.

In an effort to support HCW safety, ID-IPC has worked with our Communication Team to develop new videos on hand hygiene and PPE donning and doffing.

The following videos are accessible on the [IPC Resources COVID-19 Skyline page](#):

- [Donning and doffing PPE](#)



- [Hand hygiene while wearing a ring](#)
- [Hand hygiene without a ring](#)

Making these educational tools more accessible will provide our HCWs with the opportunity to quickly review the programs to remain current on IPC Precautions.