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Top: Placement of patients/residents who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 or who have had COVID-19 and have recovered (patient/resident no longer requires transmission-based precautions)

Contact: Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Infection Control and Prevention Section

To: All Division of Public and Behavioral Health Licensed Health Care Facilities

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**Vaccinated Residents/Patients**

All patients/residents that are COVID-19 negative and have received their vaccination against COVID-19 should continue to be housed in the green zone (general population/COVID-19 negative unit). COVID-19 negative individuals who have been vaccinated for COVID-19 are not to be cohorted with suspected or COVID-19 positive patients/residents. These individuals should not share a room with suspected or COVID-19 positive patients/residents.

If a patient/resident develops symptoms of COVID-19 the individual should be immediately isolated* and tested for COVID-19.

COVID-19 negative individuals who have been vaccinated for COVID-19 may share a room with other COVID-19 negative individuals who have been vaccinated for COVID-19, individuals that are COVID-19 negative that have not been vaccinated, or individuals that have had COVID-19 but have recovered from COVID-19 (no longer require transmission based precautions) and who have no symptoms of COVID-19. These COVID-19 negative individuals are to be cohorted together in the green zone.

**Recovered Residents/Patients**

Residents/Patients recovered from COVID-19 (no longer require transmission-based precautions) and do not have symptoms of COVID-19 may be cohorted together in the green zone. COVID-19 recovered individuals that do not have COVID-19 symptoms are not to be cohorted with suspected or COVID-19 positive patients/residents. These individuals should not share a room with suspected or COVID-19 positive patients/residents.

If a patient/resident develops symptoms of COVID-19, the individual should be immediately isolated* and tested for COVID-19.

Residents/Patients recovered from COVID-19 (no longer require transmission-based precautions) and do not have symptoms of COVID-19 may share a room with other COVID-19 negative individuals who have been vaccinated for COVID-19, individuals that are COVID-19 negative that have not been vaccinated, or individuals that have had COVID-19 but have recovered from COVID-19 (no longer require transmission based precautions) and who have no symptoms of COVID-19. These COVID-19 negative individuals are to be cohorted together in the green zone.

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**Reporting of Positive Residents who have been Vaccinated**

You should inform DPBH staff immediately if a resident or staff tests positive two weeks or more following their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Contact your hospital acquired infection (HAI) lead or email dpbhepi@health.nv.gov within 24 hours of receiving the positive test. Your HAI Lead will work with you to send a test sample to the Nevada State Public Health Lab for further analysis and your disease investigator might request additional case investigation information.

**COVID-19 Vaccine Information Resources for Long-Term Care Facilities**

The following links from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provide helpful information:

- Post Vaccine Considerations for Residents (this one provides helpful information on managing post-vaccine signs and symptoms among residents)
- Post Vaccine Considerations for Healthcare Personnel (as above but applies to HCP)
- Frequently Asked Questions About COVID-19 Vaccination in Long-Term Care Facilities
- If you have COVID-19 vaccine questions, you can send them to the DPBH Immunizations Program at dpbhcov19vax@health.nv.gov

**Questions:**

*For updated guidance, please review the DPBH Technical Bulletin website and Nevada’s health response website regularly.*

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