Discharging from an acute care setting to a long-term care facility

This document is designed to offer guidance and considerations when hospitals and long-term care facilities are working to coordinate discharge from an acute care setting to a long-term care facility.

Did the patient test COVID-19 positive?

- **NO**
  - Up to date with all recommended COVID-19 vaccine doses OR recovered from COVID-19 in last 90 days?
  - **YES**
    - Quarantine at admission not recommended
  - **NO**
    - Quarantine at admission required

- **YES**
  - Person meets criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions?
  - **YES**
    - Quarantine at admission not recommended
  - **NO**
    - Admit to designated COVID area & isolate until person meets criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions

**NOTE:** If a patient has a diagnosed non-COVID-19 respiratory illness they should be placed on appropriate transmission-based precautions following CDC recommendations:

https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/basics/transmission-based-precautions.html

**Additional Resources:**

- **CDC - Ending Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19: Interim Guidance**

- **CDC - Interim IPC Recommendations to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Spread in Nursing Homes**

- **CDC - COVID-19 Testing, Diagnosis, and Notification**

- **LeadingAge Iowa - Admission Guidance**

- **IDPH - Isolation versus Quarantine**
  - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ApGR9iSmH_0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ApGR9iSmH_0)
  - [https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/Userfiles/79/Documents/HAI/Isolation%2026%20Quarantine%2026%29%20Slides%2026%20Transcript%202810%2021%29.pdf](https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/Userfiles/79/Documents/HAI/Isolation%2026%20Quarantine%2026%29%20Slides%2026%20Transcript%202810%2021%29.pdf)

Watch the IDPH Isolation versus Quarantine video by scanning the QR Code!