

# Bed Placement – Inpatient Cohorting Guidelines

When required due to limited bed availability, consider cohorting (in double occupancy rooms or open bay areas with curtains separating beds) the following patients as defined below:

<b>SYMPTOMATIC PUI (Test Pending)</b>	
<b>BED ASSIGNMENT</b>	– <b><i>Cohort NOT allowed</i></b>
<b>ASYMPTOMATIC (NON- PUI)</b>	
<b>BED ASSIGNMENT</b>	– <b><i>Cohort allowed</i></b> – <i>AGPs may be cohorted if no private room available and test is resulted and negative*.</i>
<b>TESTING</b>	– Follow current algorithm – Testing recommended ASAP upon identification of potential for cohorting – Placement may occur prior to test result
<b>EXCLUSIONS</b>	– <u><i>Acute respiratory illness with AGPs anticipated and COVID status unknown*</i></u> . – <i>Immunocompromised</i> (including but not limited to): undergoing systemic chemotherapy or within six months of completing, neutropenic, chronic dialysis, post-transplant – Follow standard cohorting guidelines per INFC 0001 policy
<b>PRECAUTIONS</b>	– <i>Standard Masking and Contact with eye protection</i>
<b>SAFETY/ROOM RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	– Curtain closed – Masking of patient (whenever possible) – Maintain social distancing (as able) – Bathroom cleaning (provide wipes if able) – Bedside Commode available as requested

\*If patient in a shared room requires an AGP (and test result not yet available): either move to private room (if urgent) or temporize with metered dose inhaler until test resulted. AGPs can safely be delivered in a shared room if both patients are COVID negative.

<b>ASYMPTOMATIC POSITIVE</b>	
<b>BED ASSIGNMENT</b>	– <b><i>Cohort discussed on case by case basis with Infection Prevention (do not cohort until able to deliberate)</i></b> - see precautions below
<b>SYMPTOMATIC POSITIVE</b>	
<b>BED ASSIGNMENT</b>	– <b><i>Cohort allowed (same patient status)</i></b>
<b>TESTING</b>	– Follow current algorithm
<b>EXCLUSIONS</b>	– Follow standard cohorting guidelines per INFC 0001 policy
<b>PRECAUTIONS</b>	– <i>Airborne and Contact with face shield</i>
<b>SAFETY/ROOM RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	– Curtain closed – Masking of patient (whenever possible) – Maintain social distancing (as able) – Bathroom cleaning (provide wipes if able) – Bedside Commode available as requested