

Health PEI Easement of COVID-19 Measures - Acute Care and Community Based Settings

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Masking

Universal masking is no longer required; staff/patients/partners in care/visitors may continue to universally mask if they choose to. Masks should remain available at all entrances for those who choose to continue to mask.

Point of care risk assessment (PCRA) should be completed by staff with each patient/client interaction to determine the required personal protective equipment for the interaction.

Units in outbreak will revert back to universal masking (when on the unit) until the outbreak is declared over.

Testing

Patients only require testing if they are symptomatic. If available, symptomatic patients should be tested for FLUVID/RSV. If Influenza and RSV testing has stopped for the current respiratory season, then symptomatic patients only require testing for COVID.

Patients being admitted from the community or those being seen in the community who have tested positive on an at home rapid antigen test are to be considered positive and do not require confirmatory testing (unless clinically indicated).

Admissions to LTC/CCF-only require testing if they are symptomatic.

Isolation

Acute Care- Please follow the updated inpatient isolation table.

Community-based settings- complete your PCRA to determine if isolation is required. If the patient/client you are seeing has tested positive (on any test), then implement COVID precautions for at least 5 days AND their symptoms have remarkably improved; including being fever free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

Visitors

Please follow the current visitor policy located on MedWorxx.

Partners in Care/Visitors entering facilities will continue to be actively screened upon entry to all facilities. This measure will be lifted once signage for passive screening has been delivered and put in place in all facilities.

Vendors/Contractors

Please see the Vendor/Contractor protocol which was reviewed April 2023.

Physically Distancing/Barriers

Physically distancing and physical barriers should remain in place at this time. Separating patients with respiratory illness from patients without should continue.

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