



CORONAVIRUS MEMBER BRIEFING:

APD Issues Admission Scenarios/Requirements for Nursing Facilities & CBC Providers April 15, 2020

The Safety, Oversight and Quality (SOQ) unit within APD has issued guidance to inform nursing facilities and CBC providers on the requirements and expectations for admissions and operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The guidance is provided in the form of a spreadsheet that contains 10 different scenarios that are labeled YES, POSSIBLY and NO as to whether the scenario meets the criteria for restricted admission and what the related requirement is. See the Scenario Spreadsheet on the following page and at the following link: [NF & CBC Admission-Readmission Scenarios-April 15 2020](#).

Admissions are allowed for Scenarios 1-5. Under Scenario 3, “a single direct care staff person that has had a COVID-19 test and is awaiting results within a facility with no other residents or staff with COVID-like symptoms”, facilities are required to consult with DHS prior allowing the staff person to return to work.

Scenarios 6-8 describe situations in which admissions **may** be allowed to admit but only after consultation with DHS to ensure the facility has isolation capacity, sufficient staffing, PPE and infection control practices in place. Scenario 9 describes the situation of a hospital requesting admission of a positive COVID-19 resident within a COVID-19 free facility. Scenario 10 describes the situation of a hospital requesting admission of a resident that has not been tested and has no symptoms to a facility with confirmed cases of COVID-19. Under both Scenarios 9 and 10, DHS will not allow admission.

The provider alert transmitting the guidance states the scenarios are situations that providers may encounter but are not meant to replace regular communication with the facility’s licensor or policy analyst. The guidance is based on current recommendations of the Oregon Health Authority and Centers for Disease Control.

COVID-19 Admissions Scenario Spreadsheet for Nursing Facilities and CBC Providers

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	Scenario	SOQ recommendation: Admission(s) Allowed?	Requirements
Scenario 1	A staff person is exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual outside of the workplace.	YES	An employee has been exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual outside of the work setting and remains asymptomatic. The employee may continue to work using PPE as indicated. They must actively monitor themselves for cough and shortness of breath, and take their temperature daily before starting their shift. Facility must do daily monitoring of all residents and staff for fever and potential COVID symptoms. If the facility has adequate staffing, they may choose to assign the employee to non-patient care.
Scenario 2	A staff person reports symptoms which may be indicative of COVID-19.	YES	Any staff displaying symptoms which may be indicative of COVID-19 may not return to work until 72 hours since resolution of fever and cough <i>and</i> at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. Symptomatic congregate care workers should be tested for COVID-19, and testing can be obtained from the Oregon State Public Health Laboratory (OSPHL), if necessary, for 1-3 day turnaround time. No EO issued if facility is performing daily monitoring to rapidly identify symptomatic residents or staff and that staff member did not work while ill.
Scenario 3	A single direct care staff person has been tested for COVID-19 but results not yet available. No other residents or staff have COVID-19 like symptoms.	YES	If a single direct care staff has been tested for COVID-19, they may not return to work until 72 hours after resolution of fever and cough <i>and</i> at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. All residents and staff must be monitored daily. As long as residents are asymptomatic and no additional staff members develop symptoms, admissions may be allowed after consultation with DHS to ensure facility has sufficient staffing, PPE and infection control practices in place.
Scenario 4	A hospital requests a LTCF re-admit a facility resident that has not been tested for COVID-19 and has no COVID-19 like symptoms. The LTCF has no COVID-19 positive residents.	YES	A patient admitted to a hospital for non-COVID related issues and no fever or respiratory symptoms may be re-admitted to a LTCF. As with any resident of a LTCF, newly admitted patients should be monitored daily for fever and other symptoms of COVID-19 and promptly isolated if symptoms develop. Facilities with the capacity to provide a single room to a newly or re-admitted resident may choose to quarantine new or re- admitted residents for 14 days, but this is not required by OHA.
Scenario 5	A resident was transported to the emergency department for non-COVID-related emergency. Resident is not admitted to hospital and is ready for discharge from emergency department. Resident has not been tested for COVID-19 and has no COVID-19 like symptoms. The LTCF has no COVID-19 positive residents.	YES	A patient discharged from the emergency department with a non-COVID diagnosis and no fever or respiratory symptoms may be re-admitted to a LTCF. As with any resident of a LTCF, newly or re- admitted patients should be monitored daily for fever and other symptoms of COVID-19 and promptly isolated if symptoms develop. Facilities with the capacity to provide a single room to a newly or re-admitted resident may choose to quarantine new residents for 14 days, but this is not required by OHA.

Scenario 6	A single staff person has tested positive for COVID-19. No other residents or staff have COVID-19 like symptoms.	POSSIBLY	If a single direct care staff has been tested for COVID-19, they may not return to work until 72 hours after resolution of fever and cough and at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared. All residents and staff must be monitored daily for symptoms. As long as all residents and staff remain asymptomatic, admissions may be allowed after consultation with DHS to ensure facility has sufficient staffing, PPE and infection control practices in place, and measures have been taken to isolate new admissions. DHS will evaluate risk including the role of the employee, direct contact with residents and distinct parts within the facility.
Scenario 7	A hospital requests a LTCF new admission for a COVID-19 positive patient and the LTCF already has a COVID-19 positive resident and is able to provide appropriate isolation and infection control practices.	POSSIBLY	Admission <i>may</i> be allowed after consultation with DHS to ensure facility has isolation capacity, sufficient staffing, PPE and infection control practices in place, including appropriate cohorting. CMS guidelines allow facilities to accept a resident diagnosed with COVID-19 who is still under transmission-based precautions for COVID-19 if the facility can follow CDC guidance for transmission-based precautions. If a facility cannot, it must wait until these precautions are discontinued.
Scenario 8	A hospital requests a LTCF re-admit a resident that is COVID-19 positive and the LTCF already has a COVID-19 positive resident and is able to provide appropriate infection control practices. The LTCF is the resident's home.	POSSIBLY	Admission may be allowed after consultation with DHS to ensure facility has isolation capacity, sufficient staffing, PPE and infection control practices in place. CMS guidelines allow facilities to accept a resident diagnosed with COVID-19 who is still under transmission-based precautions for COVID-19 if the facility can follow CDC guidance for transmission-based precautions. If a facility cannot, it must wait until these precautions are discontinued.
Scenario 9	A hospital requests a LTCF re-admit a facility resident that has tested positive for COVID-19. The LTCF has no COVID-19 positive residents.	NO	DHS will not allow admissions or re-admissions that may introduce a known COVID-19 positive resident into a building that has not previously identified the presence of COVID-19. Instead, the resident should be discharged to a facility that already has COVID-19 positive residents <i>and</i> has isolation capacity, sufficient staffing, PPE and infection control practices in place.
Scenario 10	A hospital requests a LTCF admit a new resident that has not been tested for COVID-19 and has no COVID-19 like symptoms. The LTCF already has COVID-19 positive residents.	NO	The Department will not allow accepting new admissions once a facility has confirmed cases of COVID-19. The preferred approach in this scenario is to discharge the patient to a facility that has not yet identified the presence of COVID-19. If no such facility is available, such as in rural areas, DHS must be consulted to assist with the discharge plan.

