# BILH COVID-19 Definitions and Isolation Precautions
in the INPATIENT Setting

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| • Patients getting tested for COVID-19 for screening purposes or admission while the test is being collected or is pending | Yes                     | No AGP only\(^1\)               | Yes  
**Can cohort with:**  
• Asymptomatic  
• Quarantine  
• Negative  
• Prior COVID-19 |
| **COVID-19 Quarantine**                 |                        |                                |                                  |
| Patients with a confirmed COVID-19 exposure\(^4\) who are **EITHER** asymptomatic OR COVID-19 PCR negative | Yes                     | No AGP only\(^1\)               | Yes  
**Can cohort with:**  
• Asymptomatic  
• Quarantine  
• Negative  
• Prior COVID-19 |
| **COVID-19 Negative**                   |                        |                                |                                  |
| • Any patient with a negative COVID-19 PCR, who meets criteria for Discontinuation of Precautions for Hospitalized Patients with Suspected COVID-19  
• Asymptomatic patient with a negative screening or admission test result | Yes                     | No AGP only\(^1\)               | Yes  
**Can cohort with:**  
• Asymptomatic  
• Quarantine  
• Negative  
• Prior COVID-19 |
| **COVID-19 Suspect**                    |                        |                                |                                  |
| Includes:                               |                        |                                |                                  |
| • Symptomatic patients suspected of having COVID-19  
• Patients with a persistent clinical concern for COVID-19 despite negative PCR results | Yes                     | Yes AGP only\(^1\)               | Yes  
(Priate room required) |
| **COVID-19 Positive**                   |                        |                                |                                  |
| Patients with positive COVID-19 PCR who do NOT meet criteria for discontinuation of isolation for patients with COVID-19 | Yes                     | Yes AGP only\(^1\)               | Yes  
(priority when available) |
| **Prior COVID-19**                      |                        |                                |                                  |
| Patients who were COVID-19 Positive AND meet the criteria for discontinuation of isolation for patients with COVID-19 until 90 days after COVID-19 diagnosis (first positive COVID-19 PCR or clinical diagnosis) | Yes                     | No AGP only\(^1\)               | Yes  
**Can cohort with:**  
• Positive  
• Prior COVID-19 |

\(^1\)Consider adding N95 for all AGPs;  
\(^2\)NPIR=Negative pressure isolation room;  
\(^3\)AGP=**Aerosol-generating procedure**;  
\(^4\)Exposure is defined as close or household contact with confirmed COVID-19, which may include contact by MA Department of Public Health contact tracing, or travel to a high-risk area in the last 14 days without a negative COVID-19 PCR within 72 hours of return to MA. Contact Infection Control with questions about exposure definition.